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Sept. 27th 5

Sir.

The Sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is ready for Delivery from the Bullion Fund of this Mint to such Office as you may designate.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon R. J. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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Sept 28 5

Sir

The mineral specimen enclosed in your letter of the 22d inst, which came to hand this A.M. is well calculated to mislead an inexperienced person, but it is merely sulphate of iron, and of no value.

The Mint is too busy with its regular work to make assays of ores for private parties; but Messrs Booth & Garrett, Chant St and Prof Genth. of the University of Penna, this City, are reliable private assayers, to either of whom you can send specimens for assay, if you think it worth while to do so. There charge would be from $5 to $10. in each case, according to [illegible]

Very respectfully
[illegible]

S.P. Little Esq. Greenville Mo.

Sept 28 5

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the following sums for the service of this institution for the month of October 1876.

Salaries	93,400.
Wages	21,000.
Incidentals	6,300.

and have to request an early remittance.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 28 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Certificate of Deposit No 2593 for the deposit this day with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia of Forty Nine and 45/100 Dollars ($49.45) on account of Sale of Old Material as follows.

Cash rec'd of I. Pollock for mending old pair of hose 25¢ Cash rec'd of Pool Booth for 328 bushel of wood ashes @ 15¢ $49.20.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Sept 29 5

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the coinage of the 3¢ and 5¢ nickel pieces, has been received.

In my letter of the 27th inst. replying to yours of the 24th inst. asking for certain minor coinage statistics, a partial answer was given to your present inquiries.

About ten days or two weeks ago, on the suggestion of our Melter & Refiner, that he had no silver to melt except what we had ourselves refined, and for which only one half his force was required, that a small amount of nickel was still on hand.

and knowing the orders for the minor coins were large, and could not be filled without a delay of three or four weeks, under these circumstances, and to give temporary employment to Prof Booths men, I suggested the working up of the small amount of nickel we had into five cent pieces, and thus while employing a force which otherwise would have had little or nothing to do, aid in filling the outstanding orders. All the nickel was used some days ago, and the melting of that metal suspended - a few planchets only remain to be coined. This order was given with the best intentions, and I confess that I had misapprehended the extent of the order of May 8. 1875. not having seen it for some months,

and forgetting its general tenor until my attention was called to it by your note. The coinage has now been entirely suspended, except as to the few remaining flan chests and will not be resumed until otherwise ordered.

I may further add that the coinage of the nickels, as above stated, in no way, directly or indirectly, interfered with the silver coinage, but was a saving to the Government by using a form that would otherwise have unprofitably employed.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 29 5

Sir

Your letter of the 27th inst, asking whether we can take say, fifty thousand dollars of the 8¢ and 5¢ nickel pieces for the purpose of reissue, has been received.

We can receive and reissue the coines named, but would respectfully suggest, that as our vault room is limited, the entire amount should not be sent us at once, but in instalments of from 10 to $20,000 say every ten days.

Any instructions you may be pleased to give in relation to these coins we will comply with cheerfully. We will receive

them for redemption and reissue as heretofore in such cases. Please send no other than the 3¢ and 5¢ at present.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 29 5

Sir

I herewith transmit, in duplicate, for payment, bill of Mr. S. G. Coughton. 15728 Arch St. Philadelphia. $46.00. for 12½ doz mattresses forwarded to the Denver Mint from Boston, July 8 1875, upon a requisition from Assayer Schirmer, under date of June 8 1875, forwarded to me in your letter of June 14. 1875.

This bill was overlooked by Mr. Coughton, as he verbally explained to me yesterday, and he stated in the note herewith enclosed, that the bill of lading was sent with the mattresses.

Very respectfully
J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Letter 5

Sir.

The parcel of gold from the Refinery in St Louis. Mo. referred to in your letter of the 27 of last. has been received and placed in the hands of our Assayer for analysis, as per your directions. Mr. Du Bois informs me that the assay will probably be made in about two weeks, not sooner.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Hon.
W. L. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Letter 9

Sir

Your letter of the 2nd inst. asking estimate of the sum that would probably be necessary to defray Mint expenses at the Edinburgh Exhibition, has been received.

It would not be advisable to take to the Exhibition the Cabinet of coins in our Mint, as some have proposed. I would suggest the impropriety. But I think with you, that a "duplicate set of the coins and medals of our country, with such other objects of interest as possess both intrinsic value and not easily damaged." Your estimate of

$5000. is certainly sufficient to defray any proper expense of the exhibition of coins, medals &c made at, or connected with our mining Institutions, and therefore I concur in your suggestion of that sum as the amount to be appropriated.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Obon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Sept 29 50

Sir

Your letter of the 28th inst enclosing papers relating to a badge to be worn by the officers of the National Association of Veterans of the Mexican war, has been received

Our Engraver informs me that he thinks that it is all sufficiently explained to enable him to engrave the necessary dies for the same, and will give the subject his best attention.

In the correspondence sent mention is made of a bronze cannon to be used for the purpose of manufacturing the above badges. It would

observe that the bronze metal used for cannon is not the bronze used by us for medals or badges, and would be impossible for us to make them out of that metal, unless largely mixed with soft metal.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Septr 30 5

Sir.

You have been appointed to a position in the Rolling Room of this Mint, to take effect October 4th 1875 at $2.90 per diem, and will report for duty on that date to the Coiner A. L. Snowden Esq.

You will take the enclosed oath and bring it with you.

Very Respt

[illegible]

Mr. Ellis Pugh.
Phila

Sept 30 5

Sir

You have been appointed to a position in the Rolling Room of the Mint to take effect October 1. 1875. at $2.90 per diem: and will report on that day to H. L. Snowden Mr. Bonner.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Mr.
Chas. A. Boebyshell
Phila

Sept 30 5

Sir

You have been appointed to a position in the Rolling Room of the Mint to take effect October 4. 1876. at $2.90 per diem. and you will report for duty on that date. to A. S. Snowden. by Coiner.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman. and bring it with you.

Very Respty

J. A. Cowell

Supt

Mr.
Henry G. Redon
Phila

Sept 30 5

Sir

You have been appointed to a position in the Rolling Room of the Mint to take effect October 4. 1875 at $2.9 per diem. You will report for duty on that date to the Coiner, N. L. Sam-den Sarg. You will also take the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Mr.
Robt. N. Baker
Phila

Sept 20 [illegible]

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor as Superintendent of this Mint for the sum of Fifteen Thousand dollars ($15000) the amount appropriated for the erection of new annealing furnaces in the Coiners Department of the Mint. The furnaces are approaching completion, and some minor bills for bricks furnished have been presented for payment. I have to request that a draft for the amount of this appropriation be forwarded to me at your earliest convenience.

Very [illegible]

[illegible]

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Sept 20 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiner Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for month ending September 20. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 30th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the sum of Three Thousand Three Hundred and Eighty (3380) Dollars to reimburse you for Coin withdrawn from your Redemption Fund for recoinage.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. John C. Rives
Treasury Dept
Washington
D.C.

Sept 30 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 24th inst. I herewith enclose, in duplicate, C/S No. 80. Sept 29. for $100. gold coin, the nett proceeds of the recoinage of $67. light coin forwarded by you, by Express, on the 24th inst. I will thank you to acknowledge its receipt as my voucher.

I also enclose, in duplicate, Mint Memorandum No. 1048.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Joseph C. Abbott. Esq.
Coll of Customs.
Wilmington
N.C.

Septr 8

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 28th inst. I have to state that "the amount approximately of Silver Bullion on hand available for manufacture into subsidiary coin for say the month of October," is as follows. In the Melter & Refiners hands about 250,000 ozs of unparted Bore silver, with 30,000 ozs additional refined, and in process of refining with a capacity of refining say 200,000 ozs. or more during that month. In the Boiners hands about 55,000 ozs. In the Weigh blocks none. I herewith enclose statement from the Melter & Refiner and Boiner.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Wm H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Oct. 1st 5

Sir.

The Sum of One Hundred Thousand (100000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is ready for transfer from the Bullion Fund of this Mint to such Office as you may designate.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 5

Sir

At the close of business yesterday, September 30. I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result.

Gold	$975,716.17
Silver	362,630.78
Ord. & regular	16,156.01
Minor boinage	64,294.40
" boins Exchanged	2,819.17
" " Reissued	3,940.00
" boinage Redemption	11,935.02
	$1,437,491.55

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination

into the general condition, and operation of the Mint, and the institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
Wm. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 5

Sir

Your inquiries of the 14th and 20th ult. about the per diem of Mr. A. G. Rowland. Assay Department have been received.

The failure to enter his per diem on the pay rolls for August at the reduced rate was an inadvertance in making up the rolls. It would be an added hardship to Mr Rowland to refund the amount now, and if agreeable to you, the Assayer and myself would be gratified if the reduction could be made to take effect from September 1st instead of August 1st. I enclose an earnest request to that effect, from the Assayer.

If this cannot be done, then I recommend that he be allowed to refund the over-payment of 20 cts a day for August, out of his per diem for October, instead of calling on him for the money now.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Mint Coins Returned, Issued and by Changes during the month of September 1875.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Mint Coinage Operations for the month of September 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Sept 2 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage for week ending October 2 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon
Jos. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Octr. 5th 5

Sir.

I hand you herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for September 1875.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct. 2d 5

Sir

I transmit herewith a statement of the Melted & Refined Copper Alloyed &c. for the 3d quarter 1875.

Very Respy Yours

[redacted]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 2d 6

Sir.

The Comr informs me that the appointment Sept 27th of Robert N. Barber as a Cutter in the Comrs Department was a mistake in name. It should have been Robert N. Barber, and I ask that the proper correction be made on the records of your Office.

I inclose a copy of the Comrs communication on the subject.

Very Respectfully

F. A. Talbot

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C

Oct 2 5

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst. giving instructions as to the amount of the various denominations of subsidiary silver pieces to be coined, has been received, and will be observed.

You also notify us that 200 000 ozs fine silver will be sent from the New York Assay Office so soon as it can be broken. We will be pleased to receive it in that form.

In this same letter referring to one of the reasons assigned for the coinage of the nickel-copper pieces, viz the short supply of silver

Bullion. you say, "that contingency would not have arisen had you advised this office that more silver bullion was required to carry out its instructions." This censure is not deserved. Notice was given your department as the enclosed copy of telegrams of August 14. 1878 will show. On the 6th of September 1878, the Acting Director notified us that $500,000 of unparted bars would be sent us from Carson Mint in parcels of $100,000 commencing the 6th of September, and the first parcel would arrive on or about the 10th. It did not however, reach us till the 16th, and then the amount was $95,000. This delay was no fault of ours. When received it must be parted

and refined before being fit
for coinage, and some days are
required to do this. Thus we
found ourselves temporarily
without a sufficient supply
of bullion. Your sense of
justice, and knowledge of this
institution, will prompt you
at once to withdraw the censure
implied at least in the remark
above quoted. No notice was given
us that the Government had
fine silver at the New York
Assay Office or elsewhere which
we could have asked you to
send us. You know that our
melting and coining capacity
is nearly quadruple our parting
and refining capacity, and there-
fore with fine silver we can
meet any demand. Imported
bullion must of necessity

take time, and with it alone the coinage is hindered, and its amount reduced.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 4 [illegible]

Sir

Referring to your letter of August 20th. I herewith forward for the Register of the Treasury, on the blanks furnished for the purpose, a list of the officers, clerks and employes of this Mint with the place of birth, whence appointed, and compensation.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 21st 8

Sir,

Yours of the 2nd inst. in relation to matter re-
-ported by the Assayer has been received. I regret that the
Assayer in disregard of the courtesy that is due from a
subordinate to his superior officer should have written
directly to you without sending his communication
through me. You have condemned this course most
emphatically and I cannot be approved.

In reply I herewith forward copy of the
communications from Prof. Booth who assumed the responsi-
-bility of receiving the bullion and after careful consideration
of the subject I think rightly. We are clearly within the
law and no rule or regulation can alter or repeal an
Act of Congress. If we are to comply with the urgent
requests of the Treasury Department for subsidiary
Silver Coinage some little discretion must be allowed, a
margin that will safely facilitate our work, not retard
it, as the hypercritical construction of the Assayer would
do.

Prof. Barth's letters, one before, the other after your letter was received, contain the answer and the explanation to and of the statements in the Assayers note to you.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pettigrew

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Kinderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Oct 4th 6

Sir

[illegible]

Oct 26 8

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 30th ult. asking an explanation of the melting & coining of certain old Copper Cents, I have to say that the melting referred to, was if not a literal, a full and legal compliance with the instructions of your note of the 9th June 1870. At least such was my intention and I believe also of the other officers of this Mint. Before answering more fully, a brief history of the redemption and coinage of the old Copper cents may be useful.

1st. On the Sixth of June 1870 prior to the passage of the Coinage Act of 1873, the then Secretary of the Treasury directed the old Copper Cents and the 1st Copper Nickel pieces to be melted and recoined.

2d. On the 11th day of April 1870, after the Coinage Act became a law, you as Director of the Mint in your letter to me of that date said "you are authorized to recoin the old Copper Cents and the 12 per cent Nickel One cent coins &c

This recoinage of the old Copper cents not only saved the Government from loss, but fully reimbursed the redemption fund with a profit in addition of at least 100 per cent of the sale value of the old coppers melted. On the other hand when they were melted and cast into bars and sold as old Copper the loss was very great, comparing the sale value with the proceeds of the sale of the melted Copper cents. Large profits from melting & coining – large losses from melting and selling the bars.

Permit me now to say that the old cent weighed 168 grains and the new cent weighs 168 grains, so that the old cent will make three and one half new cents, not taking into account the small mixture of tin & zinc to convert it into bronze. But allowing for tin and zinc, wastage &c &c will have at least 3 new cents for every old one, a profit of 200 per cent after reimbursing the Redemption fund.

In melting & coining we complied with your instructions in this, that instead of melting and casting it bars and selling them at a great loss we melted, and [illegible] the product (new cents) for a sum three times greater than the sale value of the old cent – that as there was no loss (but

large profit) there was no necessity to pay the difference out of the appropriation for that purpose - and as we made a sum sufficient to reimburse the Redemption fund and a large additional profit besides, it cannot be said that the Minor Coinage profits were made to pay (even) in effect the difference - for there was no difference and no loss to be thus adjusted.

So far from disregarding the instructions of your note of the 9th June 1875 we have fulfilled them as I believe faithfully, as also the previous instructions of the letters of June 6/70 and 10th Apl 1873 and that to the great gain of the Government.

We also needed copper & used the old cents to avoid the necessity of purchasing new copper at a loss.

I enclose a copy of Prof. Booth's letter in explanation of the use of these cents and the profit and loss involved according as the cents were reissued or sold as old copper.

From what has been said & explained it will be seen at once that the debit & credit entries in our Accounts as heretofore sent to you were "pro forma" and to preserve the true nature of this transaction.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
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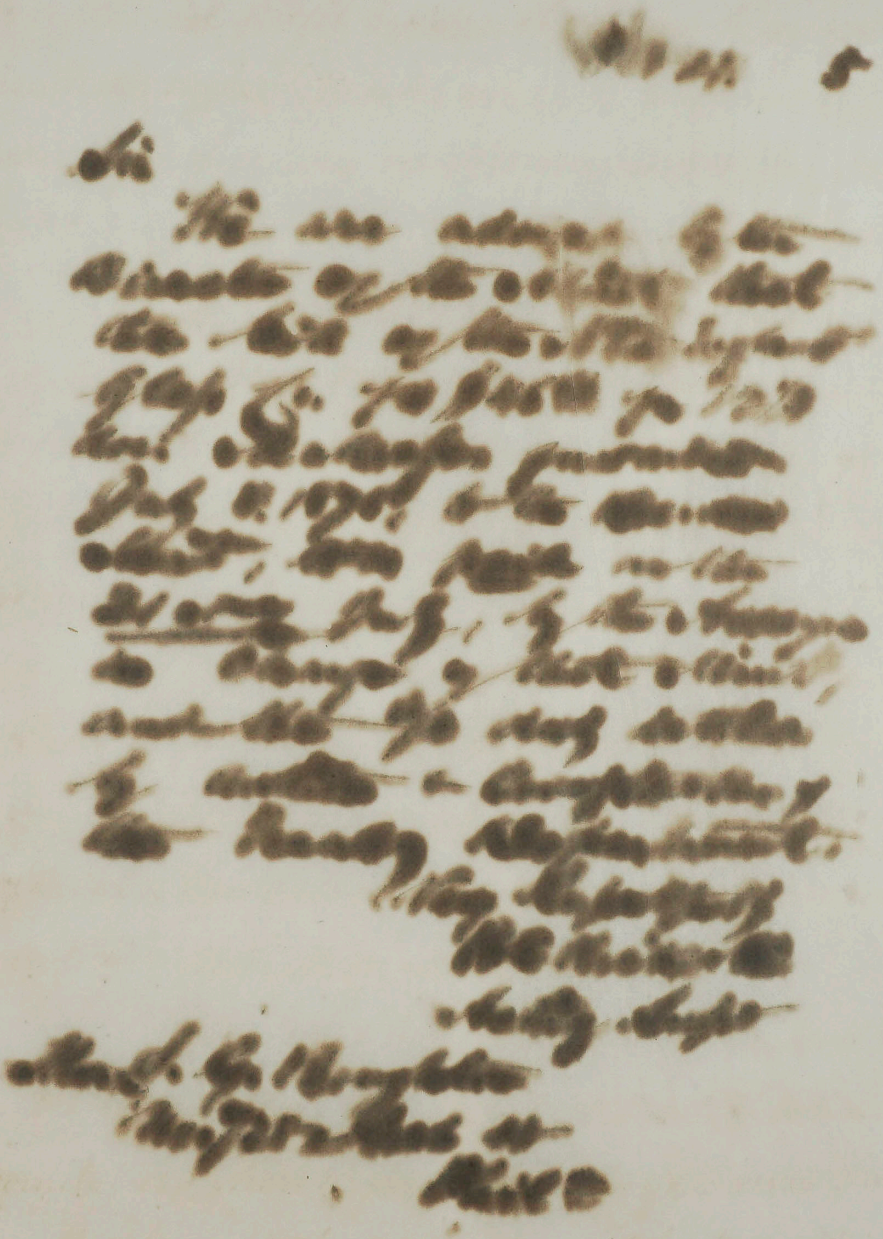

Oct 5th 6

The following specified weights for the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, made by Henry Trommer Jr. Market Street, Philadelphia, viz. Box [illegible] containing six (6) gold coin weights, [illegible] five (5) silver coin weights, and [illegible] containing [illegible] (7) Assay grain weights, having been compared and adjusted by me, with the standard weights in the Mint at Philadelphia, I certify that the same are correct,

Jonathan Tompkins
Adjuster of Weights

Witness
[illegible]
[illegible]

Oct 8

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 4th inst a statement will be forwarded to you at the close of each month hereafter, showing, in fine ounces, the amount of gold and silver refined and parted, respectively, at the Refinery of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
H. G. Nickols
Acting Supt

Obsn
Ob. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 5 . 8

Sir

The dies for the Life Saving medals of the 1st and 2d class refered to in your letter of the 1st inst were duly received by Express, and have been placed in the custody of the Coiner to be carefully preserved and kept, subject to instructions from your office, as to the striking of medals therefrom.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 5 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Superintendent Report of Assay Coins and Deliveries at this Mint, for quarter ending September 20th 1875.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

L.R.C.

Oct. 6th 5

Sir

In conformity with your instructions under date of Febry 18th I have to request that you will advise me concerning the disposal of the proceeds arising from the grains &c taken up in my settlement on the 30th June last.

As the charges &c are in excess of the Wastage and loss on Sweeps sold, I purpose transferring the balance into the Treasury, on the receipt of your reply.

Very Respectfully Yours

H C Hickok,
Acting Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 6 5

Sir

The coins from the silver ingots referred to in your letter of the 2d inst. have already been forwarded to the Asst Treasurer U S at Boston, and it is therefore not now in our power to assay them and report the results to you, as directed in the first paragraph of your letter of the 6th of October inst.

Your remaining instructions in the same letter have been communicated to the Assayer, and to the Acting Master and Refiner for their information and guidance as also those portions of your other letter

of October 8th which refers to Silver ingots under the 28th Section of the Coinage Act.

I may also add here, as the opinion of the Assayer that the coins from ingots 899⅘ fine, would by the annealing and pickling, be doubtless brought above the legal limit of 899.

Very Respectfully
H C Kiefhaber
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Telegram

Oct. 7. 5

Hon. M. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

We have only three hundred Dollars incidentals left. Gas bill four hundred forty dollars. Shall we pay and have penalty twenty two Dollars.

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

On Gold Rate

Oct 7 6

Sir

The specimen of ore enclosed in yours of the 28th of September, was received this morning, and is simply a mixture of iron and sulphur, of little value. The 28 $ currency, is herewith returned.

We have no specimens of silver ore to send you.

Yours truly
James Pollock
Supt

Gose Coll.
Trench Grove
Adams Co
Ohio

per H.O.
S. C.

Octr. 7th 5

Sir.

In your Invoice No. 20 of 17 Boxes Deposit Gold we find an error in calculating "Special Melt" No. 56, Ozs 4412.65 at 960½ fine - Ozs. 4709.389.

We make the Standard Weight Ozs. 4709.278, a difference of $12.07 Be kind enough to examine and return Corrected Invoice.

Very Respectfully
James Pollock
Supt
Wm Pollock
S.C.

Thos. C. Acton Esq
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York

L.R.C.

Octr. 7th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Ten Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Six (10.436) Dollars to reimburse your a/c. for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Sup't

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 8 5

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statements of Gold and Silver Workings, in the Boiners Department, for the month ending September 30. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 8 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward oaths of allegiance of the following employees of the Mint, in the Coiners Department

Chas A Bosbyshell. Cutter.
Robt N. Barber. do.
Ellis Pugh. Annealer.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 8 5

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst on the subject of approving Joseph Whartons bid for 5000 lbs nickel at $3.25 per lb. has been received.

Having waited a few days and receiving no other offer and not knowing where or from whom it could be obtained at a less price, I am satisfied that the price mentioned is the bonnish market rate.

I will therefore accept Mr. Whartons bid for the 5000 lbs.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon

Wm R. Lindeman.

Director of the Mint

Octr 8th 5

Sir

I transmit herewith C/Ds Nos. 2599 + 2600 - for the Sums of $1491.90 and ——— 60.02 in Gold and Silver Coin, Total $1551.92 being the excess of Charges &c over the Wastage + Loss on Sweeps Sold, for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875.

Be kind enough to forward them to the Secretary of the Treasury, as usual.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. P. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

R.R.L

Oct. 8th 5

Sir

Returning to your letter of yesterday acknowledging my Requisition No. and instructing me to pay my unexpended balances of the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875, into the Treasury, I have to inform you that the Artesian Well No. being today completed, I have this day closed the aforesaid A/C, and transmit herewith my statement of expenses, under the Head of a Supplemental A/C. My balance on hand on the 1st instant was Dollars 16000 not $30.70 Cts. I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 8 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, b/d of this date, for the sum of Seven hundred and nine Rs ($709 Rs) dollars, being the unexpended balance for the fiscal year ending June 30 1878. Certificate No. 2602.

Please forward the same to the Secretary of the Treasury as usual.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mint of the U. S.
Philadelphia. Oct 9. 1875.

Report of the result of the assay of Cash coins, by Assayer of N.Y. Assay office, reserved for the purpose at this Mint during the month of September 1875. and handed this day to the Melter & Refiner, Assayer and Coiner, of this Mint.

Denomination	Weight	Fineness Gold	Fineness Silver
Double Eagle	515.8	899.9	8
Half Dollar	192.7	trace	900.9
Quarter do	96.5	"	899.8

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Oct 9 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage at this Mint for week ending October 9. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 9 8

Sir

I have no knowledge of the proposition referred to in your letter of the 7th inst. The Mint does not deal in California gold fifty cent pieces. If such coins are made now in California or elsewhere, their issue and circulation as money is in violation of the criminal laws of the United States.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr Will. D. Crandall
Canandaigua
N. Y.

Oct 9 5

Sir

Your postal card of the 7th inst has been received.

I am informed by the Agent of Adams Express, located in the Mint, who had charge of it, that the proceeds of your deposit of gold ($73.97) were forwarded to you on the 4th inst by Express.

Very Respectfully
J. Pollock
Supt

Mr
Aaron & Miller
La Porte.
Ind

Oct 9 5

Sir

The first shipment of fine silver on a/c of second purchase of Dove silver at San Francisco, covered by Transfer order No. 3070 dated October 5. 1875. for $340.577.83. specified in your letter of the 6th inst and its enclosed statement, has been duly received.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

Thos. C. Acton, Esq
Supt. U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Oct 9 8

Sir

Your letter of the 4th
inst. has been received.

The Mint does not keep
"fine virgin silver granulated"
for sale, or furnish it to
private parties. Your appli-
cation should be made to
silver smiths, or smelting
and refining works.

Very Respectfully
J. M. Pollock
Supt

Mr. R. Park.
Nashville.
Tenn.

Oct 9 6

Sir

You will please cause to be prepared and forwarded to the Supt of the Mint San-Francisco, as early as possible, the following dies for the year 1876. viz

Gold

Double Eagle	Obverse	24
" "	Reverse	24
Eagle	Obverse	4
"	Reverse	4
Half Eagle	Obverse	4
" "	Reverse	4
Quarter Eagle	Obverse	4
" "	Reverse	4
Dollar	Obverse	2

Over

Silver

Trade Dollar	Obverse	36
" "	Reverse	36
Half Dollar	Obverse	24
" "	Reverse	24
Quarter Dollar	Obverse	12
" "	Reverse	12
Twenty Cents	Obverse	18
" "	Reverse	18
Dime	Obverse	24
"	Reverse	24

Very Respctly
[illegible]
Supt

Wm Barber. Esq
Engraver

Oct. 9th 5

Sir.

Herewith please find Stock
by Statements of your a/c, No. 82.
Also hand you a Supplemental
a/c, for Septr. 30th which includes
the 175 Bales received in September
but not being ready in time for
the regular Septr. 30th Statement,
could not be included therein.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Power
Supt.

Hon. Jno. C. New
Secretary of
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 9th 5

Sir

The Sum of One Hundred Thousand (100000) Dollars in Sub Sidiary Silver Coin is ready for transfer from the Bullion Fund of this Mint to such Office as you may designate

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Oct 11 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Oath of Henry C. Rulon, Roller in Boilers Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 11 8

Sir

In reply to your inquiries of the 6th inst. I answer.

1. That the Mint price of standard silver is $1.24.4 per ounce in subsidiary silver coin.

2. We have no official knowledge of the market value of gold or silver coins, nor has any Mint Report ever contained any tabulated statement of their market value.

3. The weight of the U. S. Trade Dollar is 420 grains, 900 the fineness 378 the value, in subsidiary silver coin, $1.03.8+, which includes the coinage charge of $1.00 per 100 pieces.

4 The weight of the U. S. Half-Dollar

of the present coinage is 12½ grammes.

Very Respectfully

Chas. H. Haswell. Esq
New York.

Octr. 11th 5

Sir.

I enclose herewith the Quarterly and annual Statement of Earnings and Expenditures of this Mint for the period ended June 30th 1875. I regret that you should have to wait so long for these and previously forwarded a/c's, but as you are aware, they were necessarily retained awaiting the closing of the "Well a/c."

The unexpended balance deposited on the 8th inst, per C.D. No. 2602, was composed of $418.35 Incidental a/c. and $291.60 Artesian Well a/c; Total $709.95, as stated in my Supplemental a/c. forwarded on the above date.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 11 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of advice of the 2d of October inst. I have to report the the transfer from the Bullion Fund of the U. S. Assay Office at New York to that of this Mint of the sum of $340,577.83 payable in 280,310.97 ozs. pure silver at the rate of $1.21½ per ounce, was made, and the bullion received at this Mint, on the 8th of October inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 12th 75

Sir.

In accordance with your request under yesterdays date, I enclose you a Statement of the expenses for transporting Silver Bullion & Coin, from July 1st 74 to Sept. 30th 1875.

I believe that I have not misunderstood your footnote, in rendering the Statement in this form, and will in future forward you a quarterly Statement of these expenses in detail.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. W. Wood
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 13 5

Sir

Your proposal of Sept 22d to supply to this Mint 5,000 lbs Nickel, as per my advertisement, at $3.25 currency per lb, has been approved by the Director and hereby accepted. The delay in this notification was occasioned by inquiries as to prices, which the Directors letter made it obligatory upon me to make.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Joseph Wharton, Esq
Camden
N. J.

Octr. 13th 5

Sir.

I hand you herewith my "Statement of Earnings & Expenditures" for the 3d quarter 1875 –

Very Respect'y Yours

[illegible]

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 10 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst with its enclosures, I have to acknowledge the receipt to day by mail, of three sealed boxes of assay coins from your Mint, for the third quarter 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

James Crawford, Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev

Oct 13 5

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst has been received.

Enclosed I forward copy of the contract with Messrs Melvin & McMorris for the Artesian well, as requested.

The well - connections - tanks - pumps &c have been completed in a very satisfactory manner, as determined by my personal examination, and the report of Prof. Booth, Samuel James, Machinist, James Cowden, Carpenter, and Hugh Kilpatrick, our Engineer. The well has a capacity of 70 to 100 gallons per minute. It will be of great benefit

to this Institution.

In explanation of the payment of the bill of Lyed O'Neil, petty &c. for plumbing &c. from the appropriation for artesian well, I have to say that it was through inadvertance marked by Prof Booth as payable out of that fund; the work having been actually done for the Melter & Refiner in the refining room, in repairing and fixing the lead lining of the reducing vats, and had no connection with the artesian well. The work was, in an emergency, done by the plumber of Melvin & McMorris, but not for them, and therefore should not have been paid by them. Prof. Booth, anxious to complete the repairs to the

Refinery asked and obtained my consent to employ Mr O'Neil for a few days, and Messrs Melvin & McMorris kindly complied with his request.

The sum of $8,40 should be charged to the general appropriation for contingent expenses, and not to the Artesian well fund. This change in the would increase the balance protanto of the artesian well fund, and decrease the balance of general appropriation in same amount simply a transposition in the accounts.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

Oct 13 5

Sir

Upon the nomination by the boiner, I have appointed Anna Longstreet to the position of Helper in the boiling Room, boiners Department of this Mint at $1.75 per diem to take effect upon confirmation, and forward the same for your approval.

The boiners letter of nomination is herewith enclosed.

I understand from the boiner that he addressed to you on the 11th inst a letter explanatory of the circumstances connected with this nomination.

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Oct 18 5

Sir

Prof Booth returned to day from his leave of absence, and in reply to a verbal inquiry from me, informs me in a communication just received, a copy of which I enclose, that he will have finished refining the present lot of Bore silver by about the 24th of this month, and will then be ready for another lot of the same.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Oct.
18th ~~Septem~~ 5

Dear Sir

I herewith send a statement of the last shipment of one hundred and seventy five bars of unparted bullion from U.S. Mint Carson City. Received here on 16th 17th 21st & 22nd of September 1875.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of U.S. Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 14 5

Sir

I enclose herewith & forward

1. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of September 1875.

2. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of September 1875.

3. Statement of Coin manufactured during the month of September 1875.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon
W. A. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Oct 14 5

Sir

Your letter of the 11th inst has been received.

The Mint will receive silver bullion, and convert it into Trade Dollars, or commercial bars, if you so direct, on the terms of the enclosed circular, marked A; but you will see by the enclosed circular marked B, that we cannot give you Half Dollars, or any smaller silver coin, except in sums of $100, in exchange for gold coins, at par.

If your dry powder be really chloride of silver, and not dirt, we will receive it but if, upon examination, it

proves not to be chloride of silver, it will be rejected and returned to you.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pearl

Supt

Mr.
Wm H. Beach.
St. Louis
Mo

Oct 15 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 14th inst, I have to state, that the Agent of the Adams Express Co, who had it in charge, informs me that the proceeds of your gold deposit, amounting to $115.50 were forwarded to you at Brooklyn, by Express on the 13th inst,

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. Louis T. Metzger.
Brooklyn
N.Y.

Oct 18 5

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury b/d No 2619, for Twenty thousand Dollars. ($20,000) on a/c of profits on Minor coinage, which I will thank you to forward to its destination.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bowen

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 15 5

Sir

I hereby enclose our Assayers report of his assays of dore silver ores from the "California" mine, forwarded by you for that purpose sometime since. I await your instructions as to the disposition of the metal gathered from the specimens assayed.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 16 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending October 16. 1875.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Obon.
Col. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 16 5

Sir

I herewith transmit a copy of our Assayers report of his examination of the split and filled Eagle, received by Messrs. Sherman & Grant of Washington, and forwarded to this Mint for examination in your letter of the 12th of October inst.

I also enclose its nett value ($4.50) in gold coin, as determined by our Assayer and Melter & Refiner.

Very Respectfully

H C Hickok

Acting Supt

Obon.

H. R. Linderman.

Director of the Mint.

Washington.

Oct 16 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst, I herewith enclose b/x in duplicate, No. 84. for $264.04 coin, the nett proceeds of the recoinage of $266. light gold coin, forwarded by you to the Mint for that purpose on the 11th inst.

I will thank you to acknowledge its receipt, stating No. and amount.

I also enclose in duplicate, Mint Memorandum No. 1119.

Very Respectfully
W. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Joseph C. Abbott, Esq.
Coll of Costums.
Wilmington
N. C.

Oct 16 65

Sir

I learn from the Melter and Refiner that he will have melted all the fine silver from the New York Assay Office, by the 20th or 21st inst and will then be ready for more. I enclose a copy of his letter of this date, to the Superintendent, on the subject.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Kinderdine
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 16 5

Sir

The box of assay coins from your Mint, for the quarter ending September 30th. 1875. referred to in your letter of the 6th inst. was received by Express to day.

Very Respectfully
H E Hickok
Acting Supt

O. H. La Grange. Esq
Supt. Mint U. S.
San Francisco
Cal

Oct 15 5

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst has been received.

The Mint does not buy scrap copper, but you could probably find a purchaser by addressing Messrs. Powers & Weightman. Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

H. E. Hickok

Acting Supt

Mr. L. T. Murphy.
Napoleon
O.

Oct 18 5

Sir

I herewith forward for your consideration, and [illegible] a communication under date of the 12th inst. from Mr. L. H. Strycker, Secretary School of Mines and Metallurgy, Denver, Col. offering to sell to the Government for Mint purposes, certain cement gold and silver which he describes. I also enclose a written opinion of this date, which I took the precaution to procure from our Melter & Refiner, with regard to the character and availability of the bullion referred to.

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Director of the Mint Washington.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Telegram

Oct 18.

Oct 19 6

Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst. has been received.

I regret to inform you that there is no vacancy in the Mint and that we have a very large number of applications on file to fill any vacancy that may occur. It will therefore not be in my power to appoint you to a position here as you request.

Very truly

[illegible]

Mr. Benton Cadwaloder.
Pottstown
Pa.

107

Oct 19 5

Sir

Upon the written nomination of the Melter & Refiner, herewith enclosed, I have made the following appointments in the Melter & Refiners Department of this Mint to take effect upon their confirmation.

1. Henry Glazier. Helper in silver melting @ $3. per diem.

2. Henry C. Baton. Helper in the Refinery @ 3. per diem.

3. John Hunter. Melter in the bent melting department @ $2.90 per diem, vice. Peter Newton, removed.

And submit the same for your approval under

the 4th Section of the Coin-
age Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 19 5

Sir

I have to report that Miss Ella Thorn, an Adjuster in the Boiners department at $1.75 per diem, resigned her position on the 1st of October, inst, and her name has been dropped from our rolls.

I have also to report that on the 14th inst upon notice in writing from the Melter & Refiner, I removed Peter Newton, a Melter in the Copper melting room, for repeated intoxication, and his name was dropped from our rolls on that date.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Oct 19 [illegible]

Sir

I herewith forward the oath of allegiance of Anna Longstreth, recently appointed Weeper in the coining Room.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 19 5

Sir

In accordance with the request of Prof Booth, our Melter & Refiner I forward to you the enclosed communication on ingot melting &c. Inviting your attention to it I am

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 19 - 5

Sir

The pulverized ore remaining from the assay of your specimens from the Comstock Lode, were forwarded to day by Express, to Messrs. Balbach & Son, Newark N.J. as requested in your letter of the 18th inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 20 5

Sir

I herewith forward duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 901. August 20. 1875. gold coin, $2,220.70 net as requested in your letter of the 16th inst received this morning.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Jacob L. L. Schirmer. Esq
Assayer U. S. Mint
Denver

Col

Oct 20 5

Sir

For the information called for in your letter of the 18th inst, you are respectfully referred to Mr. John W. Hasselund of this City, whose card is enclosed. We have no circulars on the subject.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

O. J. Daggett, Esq
Fredericksburg
Vou

Oct 20 5

Sir

There is now no silver in the weigh room vault for subsidiary coinage the last having been delivered to the Melter & Refiner; and that officer has only about 150,000 ounces for working.

We expect to morrow to receive the 57,722.66 ozs fine silver from the New York Assay Office, of which you advised me in your letter of the 18th inst.

We should have to keep us going, 850,000 ozs fine silver this week and about that amount every the days thereafter, besides what can be worked in our Refinery.

Wm H. R. Linderman. Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint.

[illegible]
Supt

Octr 1 5

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the Melter & Refiners Department of the Mint, at $1,00 per diem, to take effect at once.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and report for duty to Prof. Booth Melter & Refiner.

Bring the oath with you.

Very Respty
Mr Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr Henry C. Baton
Philadelphia

Octr 5

Sir

You have been appointed Melter in the Melter & Refiners Department of the Mint at $2.93 per diem. To take effect at once.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and report for duty to Prof Booth, Melter & Refiner.

Bring the oath with you.

Mr. John Hunter.
Philadelphia

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt.

Oct 2: 8

Sir

You have been appointed Welfer in the Melter & Refiners Department of the Mint, at 3,00 per diem. To take effect at once. You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and report for duty to Prof. Booth, Melter & Refiner.

Bring the oath with you.

Very Respty
H. C. Hiskok
Acting Supt

Mr Henry Glazier
Philadelphia

Oct 21 5

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 19th inst is received.

We do not work gold or silver for any other than Mint purposes. Your application should be made to private goldsmiths. They are numerous in the large cities.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
J. Clifton & Son.
Lynchburg
Va

Oct 22 5

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst. in reference to the deviation in the fineness of silver ingots, was duly submitted to our Assayer and Melter & Refiner. Upon consultation they have arrived at the conclusion that .898 to 900.5 affords a safe and sufficient working room for both granulations, and those limits will not be transcended in future.

I enclose their written communications to me on the subject

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pearl
Supt

Hon. H. R. Lindenman.
Director of the Mint

Oct. 22nd 5

Sir.

We have on hand the sum of One hundred and fifty thousand Dollars ($150.000) in Subsidiary Silver Coin which can be transferred to the Treasury either as from the Bullion Fund, or on a/c. of profits on the Silver Coinage. Will you please indicate which course you will have me pursue? When the profits are allowed to accumulate to so large a sum, we find difficulty in getting them from the Mint to the Sub Treasury here

Very Respectfully

J. A. Roche
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Orig. 8

Oct. 22 8

Sir

Enclosed I forward oath of allegiance of Henry Glazier Helper in the Melter & Refiners Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 26 8

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward one proof Half Eagle of 1876 which I procured from the Coiner in exchange for the Half Eagle of 1853, forwarded in your letter to me of the 21st inst No Half Eagles of the regular coinage have been struck this year.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director Mint
Washington
&c

Oct 22 [illegible]

Sir

Enclosed I forward the oaths of allegiance of

1. Henry C. Barton, Helper in Melter & Refiners Department

2. John Hunter, Melter in the Melter & Refiners Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pearl
Supt

Obon.
Wm. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 22 [illegible]

Sir

Our Melter & Refiner, Prof Booth, informs me that five thousand (5000) pounds copper is needed for Minor boinage. It cannot be had, under the law, except by advertising for proposals. The copper is needed. Shall I advertise? Awaiting your answer, I am

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

Octr. 23d 5

Sir.

Will you be kind enough to state whether it was and is your intention, that in calculating the values of Trade Dollars, the Mints shall be governed by the issuing or tale value of the Subsidiary Silver Coin - or in other words, shall the Silver deposited for the Trade Dollar be valued at $1.088+ in Subsy. Coin, per standard ounce. The new form of Streets received from you have been used under the impression that the latter course was to be adopted, and I have a desire to know whether such course was in accord with your wishes -

Very Respy

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Octr. 23d 5

Sir

In June last the Sum of $6890.50 in Silver 3¢ pieces was received at this Mint from the different Subtreasuries for recoinage, the net proceeds of which ($6197.20) was carried to the Bullion Fund, leaving a loss of $693.30 unadjusted in our Recoinage a/c. As we have had no specific instructions regarding the disposition of this loss, I write to inquire whether, as in a previous case, the above loss shall be paid from the Silver Profit & Loss a/c.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Oct. 23rd 5

Sir.

Your Transfer Order No. 3[illegible] for $500. was paid and Charged against the Reissue a/c, and I have to request that you will also draw upon me for the balance due you from that a/c, viz: Fourteen Thousand and Sixty Five (14.065) Dollars.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 23 5

Sir

By the present Mint Laws we pay out trade dollars in exchange for silver bullion. Half dollars and small sizes are coined only for the Government; and can only be had in exchange for gold coin of the U. S. at par.

We cannot tell how much bullion must be sent, because that depends on its quality and fineness. A trade dollar contains 378 grains fine silver, or 420 grs standard silver; and the Mint charge for making it is one cent. See enclosed circulars.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Pollock
Supt.

M. M. Samuel. Ray
New Orleans

Oct 28 5

Sir

I have received from your office without any signature a letter dated Oct 18th, enclosing fragments of a 59 nickel coin. I write to ascertain from you whether the other coins which you say broke in a similar manner to the one you enclose, were of the same lot and same date, and if so, to request that you will let us know from whom they were received. You will also oblige if you have any others of the same brittle character, to enclose them to me with the single fractures in the reuber of the piece, so that we may have a better

opportunity of making a critical test

Very Respectfully

J. A. Lowell

Supt.

C. G. Davison, Esq
Prest. L. C. R. Co.
Louisville
Ky.

Oct 28 5

Sir

I herewith enclose copy of a letter received this morning from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans, advising me under date of the 19th inst of the transfer to this Mint of $400000. gold coin, a portion full weight, the remainder abraded but within limit. The coin was received to day by Express, and the boxes have been stored for the present in the weigh-room vault unopened. Not having received any other advices with regard to this consignment I refer the facts, and will thank you to inform me what

disposition I shall make of the coin.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Pbon.
Ph. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 25 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending October 23. 1875.

Very Respectfully
H. A. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 25th 5

A bill for $2,500 for Copper furnished to the Melter and Refiner's department of this Mint, certified to be correct by the Melter & Refiner, has been presented today for payment by Messrs. Pope, Cole, & Co of Baltimore, Md, but the balance of our contingent fund on hand is not over $1000 and I have been obliged to withold payment until we can be placed in funds. This delay in a cash sale works inconvenience and injury to Pope Cole & Co and is prejudicial to the credit of the Mint.

To meet this emergency, I have taken the liberty to make out and herewith enclose a special requisition for the sum of $5000 on account of contingent expenses, to carry us through the month of October; and if it meets your approval, should be glad to receive a draft for the amount at the earliest convenient moment.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Nichols
Acting Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Oct. 25th 5

Sir

We offer for Sale, 50 Bbls. Melter & Refiner's Sweepings, 20.394 pounds, Containing per Assayer's Statement,

Gold;	Std. Ozs.	46.103	$857.73
Silver	Do.	922.05	1.147.18
		Total	$ 2.004.91

Your bid is requested on or before Saturday, the 30th inst; payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Sweeps to be delivered without expense to the United States.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Acting Supt

Joseph Fanning M.D.
253 S. 16th St.
Philada

Oct. 25th 5

Gen. Wimpe

We offer for sale 50 Bals Melter & Refiners Sweepings, 20.394 pounds net, containing per Assayers Statement,

Gold	Std. Ozs.	46.103	$857.73
Silver	Do.	922.05	1147.18
		Total	$2.004.91

Your bid therefor is requested on or before Saturday, the 30th inst. payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint without expense to the United States

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

C. S. Dennis & Sons [illegible] Supt

38 & 40 Walnut St.

Newark

N.J.

Octr. 25th 5

Gentlemen

We offer for Sale 50 Brls. Melter & Refiner's Sweepings, 20.394 pounds net, Containing per Assayer's Statement,

Gold, Std. Ozs. 46.103		$ 857.73
Silver	Do 922.05	1147.18
	Total	$ 2.004.91

Your bid therefor is respectfully requested on or before Saturday the the 30th inst, payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint without expense to the United States

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]

Supt

R. Lingman for [illegible]

31 John St.

New York

Oct. 5th 55

Gentlemen

We offer for Sale For Pres. Melter & Refiners Sweepings, 2.2.3.4 pounds net, Containing per assay as statement

Gold, Fed. Oz.	46.103	$ 1.837.33
Silver Do	9.2.05	1.147.18
	Total	$ 2.004.91

Your bid therefor is respectfully requested on or before Saturday the 30th inst, payment to be made in Double Eagles of Fine weight, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint without expense to the United States.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]

E. Balbach for [illegible] Supt

233 River St.

Newark N.J.

Oct 25th 5

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Gold,	Std Ozs.	46.103	$ 857.73
Silver	Do	922.05	1147.18
		Total	$ 2.004.91

Your bid is respectfully requested on or before Saturday the 30th inst, payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint without expense to the United States.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Spencer & Howard
No 1. John St.
New York

Octr. 25th 5

Gentlemen -

We offer for Sale 50 Bbls Melter & Refiner's Sweepings, 20.394 pounds net, Containing per Assayers Statement

Gold, Std Ozs.	46.103	$	857.73
Silver Do	922.05		1.147.18
		Total $	2.004.91

Your bid is respectfully requested on or before Saturday the 30th inst, payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint without expense to the United States

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

H. C. Waters & Co
17 John St.
New York

Oct 26 5

Gentlemen.

Your draft of the 22d inst for $100. currency, enclosed in your letter of the same date requesting that amount in 20 cent pieces, is herewith returned for the reason, as you will see by the enclosed circular, that the Mint cannot pay out 20 ¢ pieces except in sums of $100. in exchange for gold coins at par.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Geo W. Frank & Darrow.
Corning
Iowa.

Oct 26 8

Sir

Your instructions of the 20th inst with regard to the separate adjustment of the $400,000. gold coin received from the Assk Treasurer U.S. at New Orleans, &c. were duly received and will be carried out as rapidly as the adjusters can properly handle the coin. The result will be promptly reported to you.

In this connection will you please forward to the Superintendent several copies of your circular of April 1 1875, with regard to the standard weight, legal limit of abrasion, and least current weight of U.S. gold coin. We need them.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Wbon.
Wm. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 26th 5

Sir

A shipment of $20,000. Minor Coins has been received at this Mint from the U. S. Asst Treas. Boston. A portion of it amounting to some $2900. consisting of 1st Bronze & 1st Nickel pieces, is found to be mixed instead of being assorted as to kind and denomination as the Regulations for the Redemption of Minor Coins require. Coins received in this way cause great inconvenience to the Mint as it requires at least four times longer to assort them than it does to count them, and necessarily retards the work of redemption as well as reissue. In assorting the $2900- referred to, it will take five men at least four days, at a cost of $75- to the Mint, and in the meantime, no coins can be counted for reissue. In view of these facts, would it not be well for you to make such suggestions to the Treasury Department as will in the future prevent, if possible, Minor Coins being received and forwarded to the Mint in this condition

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Superintendent

Oct 26 5

Sir

After endorsing the enclosed draft to your order just received from Albion N.Y. for $150. for minor coins, please return it to the Superintendent with the accompanying letter.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 26 [illegible]

Sir

The coinage of the three small silver bars, received by Express for account of Mrs. E. J. Gorham, Cleveland, Ohio, referred to in your letter of the 20th inst. produced.

In gold coin $26.
" Silver 39.77

as per the three enclosed duplicate Mint Memorandums No. 288. The gold was sold at 1578 premium $3.93, and the silver at 9 premium $3.58 total $73.28, currency. Thirty cents freight was due the Adams Express Co. and for the balance $72.98. I herewith

send you Drexel & Co's check to the order of Mrs. Gorham on the Farmers & Mechanics National Bank Philadelphia.

We could not get a "certified" check from any of the Third Street houses, it was refused in every instance.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman,
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 28 50

Sir

I have this morning received the package of circulars mentioned in your letter of the 27th inst in reference to abraded gold coins, and placed a sufficient number at the disposal of the Coiner.

Very Respectfully
H C Hiskok
Acting Supt

Obon
Prof. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 25 5

Sir

The small package of ore, by Express, for assay, mentioned in your letter of the 27th inst. has been received, and placed in the hands of our Assayer, who informs me that it will be a month before he will be able to report the result of the assay for your information

Very Respectfully
H. Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct 28 5

Sir

Hereto attached I forward for your information, copy of the Superintendents advertisement for proposals to supply 5,000 pounds copper for minor coinage, as authorized by your letter of the 26th of October, inst.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

(Telegram)

October 29. 5

R. Longman's Sons
11 John Street, New York
At one dollar, twenty four, four
Sixteen (1.24.4.16) per ounce standard.
in subsidiary silver coin. We always
sell for gold.
H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Oct 29 5

Sir

Your letter of Oct 20th and its enclosed pieces of ore, has been received.

Your three specimens of ore are all iron in different forms; two of them have iron and sulphur combined.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hickcock
Acting Supt

Mr. S. D. Ross.
Catlettsburg
Ky.

Oct 29 5

Gentlemen.

I have answered your yesterdays Telegram by Telegraph this morning, it having come after Nine hours yesterday.

I now state by mail that we value silver at $1,24.41679. One dollar, twenty four cents, four mills per ounce standard, in subsidiary silver coin. For example 538 [illegible] ozs. standard silver, will coin one thousand dollars in subsidiary silver coin. 922.25 ounces are worth (pro rata) $1,147.25.

Messrs.
R. Longmans Sons
New York.

Very Respectfully
H. E. Hickok
Acting Supt

Oct 29 [illegible]

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 27th of October inst. I have this day deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. One hundred and twenty five thousand dollars ($125,000) in subsidiary silver coin, as profits on silver coinage; and herewith enclose the certificate No. 2649, which I will thank you to forward to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
H. L. Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Oct 30 5

Gentlemen.

Your bid of the 29th inst. has been received for 50 Cbls Melter & Refiners Sweeps, weighing 2039 lbs. - but is ambiguously expressed as follows,

Five 40/100 Dollars $5 40/100 per 100 lbs. At which figure shall we take your bid $5 00/100 or $5 40/100? Awaiting your answer by return mail.

I remain,
Very Respty
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Messrs.
Ed Balbach & Son,
Newark
N. J.

Oct 30 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage for month of October 1875. Also, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage for week ending October 30th 1875.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Oct. 5

Sir

On the 26th inst. I mailed you a report of the coining of three small silver bars which you forwarded to the Mint for account of Mrs. E. J. Gorham, of Cleveland, Ohio, and also enclosed Drexel & Co's check to her order, for the proceeds in currency $72.90. Not hearing from you in reply, I will thank you to inform me whether that letter and remittance was received. If it miscarried, please advise me by telegraph, that payment of the check may be stopped.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Very Respectfully
H. C. Hickok
Actg. Supt.

Oct 30. 5

Sir

In accordance with the verbal understanding had with you, you will please make one hundred (100) Tiles, for the U. S. Mint at Carson, Nevada, of the size and shape specified in the drawing herewith enclosed. The price to be to be fourteen (14) cents each, in currency, and the entire number to be finished and shipped on or before the 15th of November 1875, as per your agreement.

You will forward them by the Pennsylvania Railroad as freight, and immediately send to the Supt of the Philadelphia Mint your bill in duplicate.

together with a duplicate bill of lading, to be forwarded to the Treasury Department Washington. D.C. for payment

Yours Respectfully
W. C. Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr.
P. Newkumet
Vine Street.
Philadelphia

Oct 30 5

Sir

I enclose herewith the Melter & Refiners statement of Bullion operations for the month of September 1875.

Also statement of Gold Workings, and Silver Workings in his department for the same month.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Pobon.
Pol. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Oct 30 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 2d of October, inst I herewith forward the boiners report of the separate weighing by the Adjusters, in accordance with your instructions, of $400,000. gold coin received from the U. S. Asst Treasurer at New Orleans. &c.

The coins as thus classified, have been returned to the Superintendents vault in the Weigh Room, awaiting such further instructions as you may have to give with regard to the disposition that shall be made of them. Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

H. C. Hickok
Acting Supt.

Nov 1 5

Sir

At the close of business October 30th, I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result

Gold	$1.028.564.84
Silver	384.927.82
Ord a/c regular	20.256.71
Minor Coinage	39.643.92
" Coins Exchanged	2.819.17
" " Reissued	7.303.00
" Coinage Redemption	15.010.16
	$1.497.443.72

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition

and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 1 8

Sir

Referring to your letter of October 2 1848, I herewith transmit b/s No. 88 Oct 29th for $188.40 gold coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $890 light gold coin, received from you Oct. 27. the receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 1171. in duplicate.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Jos. C. Abbott, Esq
Coll. of Customs.
Wilmington
N. C.

Nov 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged, during the month of October 1875.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations during month of October 1875.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Gallery
Supt

Obsn
Ch. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 1 5

Sir

Your request of Oct 30th is entirely out of our line of business, but as your battered $2.50 gold piece was already here, I have as a matter of private accommodation complied with your request. Your coin was examined by our Assayer and found to be worth $2.50 in coin, for which amount I exchanged it with our Melter & Refiner. My Messenger then sold the coin to a Broker on Third St, a mile from the Mint, for $2.50 in currency which amount I herewith enclose to you, and have to request that you will acknowledge its receipt.

Mr. A. J. Perry,
Richmond
Va.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

Nov 2d 5

Sir:

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the following sums for the service of this Mint during the current month, November 1845.

Salaries	$ 3,400.00
Wages	2,000.00
Contingent Expenses	1,000.00

I have made a slight increase in the last item namely that I may always be in funds to meet bills. The sum named, with the balance on hand ($600) will, I think, be sufficient for this purpose; and future requisitions can be limited to the amounts hereby for drawn.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. M. R. Patterson
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Nov. 3rd 5

Gentlemen -

Your offer for the Mint Sweeps is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

C. S. Dennis & Son
Newark
N. J.

Nov. 3rd 5

Gentlemen.

Your offer for the 50 Barrels Sweep is respectfully declined.

The Silver contained in these Sweeps is worth intrinsically $1.24416 + per Standard Ounce;

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

R. Longmans Sons
31 John St.
New York

Nov 3rd 5

Sir.

Your offer for the Swep is respectfully declined

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Dup't

Jas W. Farnum
253 So. 16th St.
Philada

Nov. 8th 5

Gentlemen -

Your offer for 50 Pkgs.
Sweeps is respectfully declined.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

W. C. Waters & Co.
New York.

Nov. 3d 5

Gentlemen.

Your offer for 50 Bbls. Mint Sweeps of Five 03 Dolls. per hundred pounds is accepted under the conditions of my letter of the 25th ulto.

Please oblige by remitting and removing without delay.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Polk
Supt.

E. Balbach & Son
Newark
N. J.

Nov 3 5

Sir

I have received an order from New York, in behalf of Mr. Lambert of Paris, for copies in bronze of the 'Medal' medal, and of the new 'Life saving' medals of the first and second class. I am authorized to have them struck for this purpose, and would it not be well to place these medals, in bronze, upon our regular list, for the accommodation of the public, and the benefit of the medal fund? If so I think the schedule of prices should be as follows.

Life saving Medal, 1st class $25.00

" " " 2d. " 5.00

Medal " 1.00

Awaiting your instructions,
I am,

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
Dc

Nov 3 5

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst with a sealed package containing test or pyx samples of Japanese coinage with the papers received from the State Department relating to the same, have been received.

The coins have been placed in the hands of our Assayer, as directed, and his report will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Rosevelt
Supt

Hon.
Wm. R. Lindermann
Director of the Mint
Washington

Nov 3 5

Sir

I herewith forward a communication addressed to me by the Melter & Refiner, Assayer and Coiner, advising me of the statement made by Mr. H. Mason, while on a visit to this Mint last week, when I was out of the city, that there is now lying at the N. Y. Assay Office an accumulation of $600.00 in standard silver of good coining quality and desiring that it might be transferred to this Mint for coinage.

In forwarding this communication for your consideration, I have to add that I heartily concur in the request of

of our operative officers. We are about out of silver bullion, but with increased facilities for working it, and if it be not interfering with any other contemplated disposal of the silver referred to by Mr. Mason, I am desirous that it should be forwarded to this Mint for coinage, as suggested.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon.
W. H. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 3. 5

Sir

The Asst Secretary of the Treasury, Mr Conant, has notified the Director of the Mint, that from and after the 1st of January next the Mint and Assay Offices will be supplied with stationery directly from the Treasury Department and the Director has requested that an estimate be forwarded to him of the various articles of stationery &c that will be required for this Institution for the space of six months from the 1st of January 1876.

To enable me to properly comply with these instructions, you will please furnish me, at

your earliest convenience, a detailed estimate of the amount of stationery & that will be needed for your department for the period named. The estimate to be accompanied by a sample of each of the printed forms in use, for the information of the Department at Washington.

Very Respectfully.

[signature]

A. S. Snowden, by
Coiner

The same to.

Prof. J. L. Booth
Melter & Refiner.

Mr E. DuBois.
Assayer.

Mr Barber
Engraver.

Nov 4 5

Sir

Your confidential letter of October 19th in reference to the proposed purchase of the Church building and lot adjoining the Mint on the West was duly received.

After some delay and difficulty in getting at the responsible parties, I have ascertained that the owners will not take less than two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) and I believe it can be secured at that price, certainly not exceeding $250,000. The Public Buildings have enhanced somewhat the value of the property.

The lot has a front of one hundred and eight (108) feet on Broad street by one hundred (100) feet on Penn Square, and with the building, is admirably adapted to Mint purposes. The church fronts about seventy (70) feet on Broad street. It is strong and well built and can readily be adapted to our purposes in a short time, and at a comparatively small expense. Its acquisition is very desirable, and will give us full minting capacity, at same time obviating all all necessity or pretext for any more new Mints at New York, or elsewhere.

I should add here that the parties with whom I conferred, were not informed that the inquiry was made in

behalf of the U. S. Government
Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
Dec.

Nov 4 5

Sir

Upon the receipt of your letter of October 26, ordering 101 tiles for the Carson Mint, inquiry was made amongst manufacturers of such articles as to prices, and the time in which they could be furnished. After some delay in getting the desired information, the order was given to Mr. P. Newkumet, 28d and vine streets, who engaged to have them ready by the middle of November inst. at fourteen (14) cents each, his offer being much the lowest, and best as to time.

The measurement of the beveled part of the tiles was

not given in the drawing sent, and it will have to be guessed at from the other measurements and the general appearance of the drawings.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 7 5

Sir

In pursuance of a nomination by the Coiner, herewith enclosed, I have appointed Miss Mary Louisa Pollock an Adjuster in the Coiners department, at $1.75 per diem, vice Zella Thorn, resigned, to take effect upon confirmation; and submit the same for your consideration, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

P. S. T. A. Pollock showed me a letter which he has received from the Director on this subject. J. P.

Nov 4 [illegible]

Sir

I herewith enclose for your consideration, bill of Dr Thos J. Morton, for medical attendance on Mr J. S. Thorp, employed in the boiler department, for injuries received accidentally in the Mint service, while helping to move some heavy machinery on the rear portico. Bills for medical attendance under similar circumstances have been paid out of our contingent fund in a few instances in past years, the emergency seeming to require it. I enclose a copy of Dr Morton's explanation of the circumstances. I am ready to pay the bill, if it will be approved by

by the Accounting Officers of the Department. Please advise me what course I shall pursue in the matter. The bill is not unreasonable for the service rendered.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell

Supt.

Bob on
Ch. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 5th 5

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for October 1875.

By an inadvertence the Incidental a/c. was slightly overdrawn on the 30th. ult., but was corrected on the receipt of the Draft on the 1st. inst.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 5 5

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 4th inst, in regard, amongst other things, to copies in bronze of certain medals for Mr. Loubat of Paris. In reference to your letter of May 28th ultimo, to which you call my attention, I do not find any letter of yours on file of that date, except one, a copy of which I enclose, but which does not seem to be the one to which you allude, as its directions were complied with. I enclose a copy of your letter of May 24th, and under the impression that that may be the one you had in view. I

have ordered for account of Mr Laubak through your office and the State Department, one copy in bronze of the "Metis", the "John Horn", and the "Life Saving" medals of the 1st and 2d class. They will be ready by Monday or Tuesday next. In the mean time you will advise me if I am in error.

The other directions in your letter of the 9th inst. have been noted, and will be carried out.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon
Ch. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 6 5

Sir

In accordance with your suggestion of the 4th inst. I have appointed Mr George H. Bender, of Easton Pa. Recorder, in the general department at $5.00 per diem, to finish copying, for the Directors Office, the correspondence between the Director of the Mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, up to July 5. 1834, and submit the same for your approval, under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

This appointment to date from confirmation, and to be temporary, as stated in your letter.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Lindsman.
Director of the Mint.

Nov 6 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed for week ending November 6. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jos. P. Kinsley

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 6th 6

T. C. Cronin Esq
New York.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of 5th inst I have to say the deposits of Gold Bullion made by M. J. McGinn were as follows:

From Nov 23d to Dec 31st 1864	$600.61
" Jany 9th to Dec 31st 1865	5689.60
" Jany 15th to Feby 27th 1866	1620.83
Total	$7881.07

There is nothing on our books to show that the amount was $23000 - as stated in your letter.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ravenel

Superintendent.

Nov 8 5

Gentlemen.

I have received your proposal of the 6th inst. in answer to my advertisement of Oct 28th. to furnish this Mint 5,000 lbs copper at 22 7/8 cents per lb. but as your note is general in its terms. I am obliged before acting on your proposal. to ask whether you will guarantee the copper to be of the best commercial quality as called for in the advertisement. Let me hear from you immediately. in reply.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Messrs.
N. Trotter & Co.
No 36 N. Front St
Phila

Nov 8th 5

Sir

We have Two Hundred Thousand (200.000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin ready for transfer to such officers as you may designate.

Please be kind enough to have this Coin transferred in Sums of $100.000.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Broom
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 8 80

Sir

I herewith enclose for your consideration a receipted bill in duplicate of John L. Trowbridge, A. M. for examining into and reporting on the feasibility of storing water at the Mint from the artesian well. I also enclose a letter from Prof. Booth, our Melter & Refiner, explaining the nature and importance of Mr Trowbridge's services in this matter.

The balance of the appropriation for the artesian well, about $290, having been covered into the Treasury, I am without funds to pay this bill, and if it meets your approval

I recommend that it be paid by Treasury draft to the Postmaster's order, mailed to him direct, or in my care, as you may think best.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 8. 5

The Knickerbocker Ice Co.
Will please reduce the amount of Ice for the Mint, to One Hundred (100) pounds, daily, for the Officers box.

Respectfully
[illegible]
Dep[illegible]

Nov 8 5

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 5th inst has been received.

We will assay your gold ring at a charge of one dollar in currency, the parts not used to be returned to you. The money must accompany the ring. with directions how we shall return the unused portions of the ring.

Very Respectfully

Jas Cowell
Supt

Messrs
Webb & Hall.
Janesville
Wis

Nov 8 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 5th inst I herewith send you a manuscript copy of those sections of the Act of Congress which prohibit all imitation of U. S. coins. You will see that the law is very broad and strong, and the penalties very severe.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt

Mr. J. A. Pierce.
Chicago
Ill.

Nov 8 5

Sir

I herewith forward Statement of Gold workings and Silver Workings in the Coiners department for the month of October 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 8 [illegible]

Sir

Under my advertisement of October 28 I have received two proposals to furnish to this Mint 5,000 lbs Copper, for minor coinage, viz. from

Nathan Trotter & Co. Phila. @ 2270 cts per pound.

Pope, Cole & Co. Baltimore @ 20 cts per pound, and submit the same for consideration under the 29th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. As Messrs. Trotter & Co. assure me, in their second note, in reply to an inquiry from me, that their copper is of the best commercial quality, they would be entitled to the award of the

the price they have named.
Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Obon.
Ch. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 9 5

Sir

Enclosed I forward oath of allegiance of Miss. Mary Louisa, Pollock Adjuster, Coiners Department this Mint.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Obon.

H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 9 5

Sir

You will please prepare for the Carson Mint for the calendar year 1876. the following dies, viz

Twenty four,	(24)	Obverse	Trade Dollar
Twelve	(12)	Reverse	do do
Twelve	(12)	Obverse	Half Dollar
Six	(6)	Reverse	do do
Twelve	(12)	Obverse	Quarter Dollar
Six	(6)	Obverse	Twenty cent
Twelve	(12)	Obverse	Dimes
Six	(6)	Reverse	do
Twelve	(12)	Obverse	Double Eagle
Six	(6)	Reverse	do do
Six	(6)	Obverse	Eagle
Six	(6)	Obverse	Half Eagle
Two	(2)	Reverse	do do

The Coiner of the Carson

Mint requests that the Quarter dollar, Twenty cent and Dime dies be not tempered.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Wm Barber. Esq
Engraver

Nov 9 5

Sir

By request of the Director of the Mint I have appointed you as a Recorder in the general department of this Mint for special temporary service, at $5.50 per diem. You will report to me for duty at your early convenience, bringing with you the enclosed official oath, which should be signed, and sworn to (or affirmed) before a Justice of the Peace, Alderman, or Judge, as may be most convenient.

Yours Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Mr.
Geo. H. Bender.
Easton
Pa.

Nov 9 5.00

Sir

I have to report that Mrs. M. J. Ross, an Adjuster in the Coiners department at $1.75 per diem, has resigned her position, to take effect Nov 1 1875. and her name has been drafted from our rolls.

Very Respectfully

J. R. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.
Washington
Do.

Nov 9 5

Sir

In compliance with your directions of the 8th inst. the Engraver has been instructed to prepare at his earliest convenience, the dies ordered for the carson Mint for the calendar year 1870.

The last two items in your letter read as follows.

"Six (6) Obverse. Half Eagle
Two (2) do do do"

Should not the last two Half Eagles be "reverse" instead of "obverse".

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.

Nov. 9 5

Dear Sir

I do not know that the case you propound is open to a "line of argument." It is simply a calculation from fixed data. The sovereign should weigh 123 $\frac{71}{128}$ grains, at 916 $\frac{2}{3}$ fine. The gold dollar, 25.8 grains, at 900 fine. By simply multiplying, you have the fine gold in each case; say 113.001605 grs. for the British coin, 23.22 grs. for the American. You will then find that the valuation of the £ stg fixed by Act of Congress of 1873, at $4.86.65 is as near as need be, altho' it might be carried out further.

Truly yours

[illegible]
Supt

E B [illegible] Esq
No. 77 Columbia Heights
Brooklyn N.Y.

Novemr. 9. 1875

Hon: James Pollock
Superintendent U. S.

Sir,

The following is the result of assays of samples of Japanese gold and silver coin, as requested by the Department of State, through the Director of the Mint.

I set down the assays of the Mint of Japan, as well as the assays made here, for the sake of comparison.

Gold.

	Japan Assay.	U.S. assay.
5 Yen, single piece	899.8	900.0
" another	900.1	900.3
" another	900.3	900.4
Quantity, melted together	900..05	900.1

Silver.

	Japan assay.	U.S. assay
Silver Yen	900.6	900.6
Another	900.4	900.4
Another	900.0	900.2
Trade Dollar	900.0	900.4
Another	900.4	900.4
Another	900.8	900.8
Silver Yen, quantity melted	900.6	900.4
Trade dollar "	900.2	900.6
Twenty Sen pieces "	799.9	799.2
Ten Sen pieces "	800.7	800.0
Five Sen pieces "	800.1	800.6

We consider the correspondence very satisfactory.

Herewith we returned the slips of gold and silver not used. The ductility of the metal is worthy of remark.

Very respectfully

Wm E. Du Bois
Assayer

No 9

Sir

Your letter of the 4th inst. in relation to the removing of the columns on the front of the Mint building, has been received.

I am much gratified to learn that new columns will be put up; and obliged to you for the interest you have taken in this matter. It is true that the north front and planks ought to be cleaned and repaired to correspond with the improvements of the front; but I fear our ordinary funds will be inadequate to meet that and the ordinary expenses of the Mint. By reason of the extraordinary expenses in enlarging and refitting our Refinery

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the increased amount of refining done and to be done, and the consequent large increase in the material used in refining, acids, copper &c, we have expended of our contingent fund, to this date (x months in the current fiscal year) $[illegible], equal to a monthly expenditure of $7,[illegible], or yearly of over $90,000,—the total amount of annual appropriation being $75,000. Although our expenses may hereafter be somewhat less than the above monthly average, I am anxious to avoid the necessity of asking for an appropriation for deficiencies; and therefore would respectfully suggest, if approved by yourself and the Secretary of the Treasury, that the additional cleaning and repairs be referred to the Supervising Architect, and

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the cost be charged to the fund for repairing public buildings. If however you deem it best to have the work done under my supervision, and paid out of our contingent fund, I will give it full attention, and have it done as economically as possible. I have already made inquiry as to the probable cost, the parties most competent to do the work &c. I am satisfied that the work required can be done for less than the sum you name. Please let me hear from you, and say how soon the work shall be commenced. I saw Mr McArthur this morning and he informed me that the new columns would be put up under his directions, and he also suggested that the cleaning of the

other parts of the building could be done under the same supervision, and paid out of the repairing fund; and be done more economically.

Awaiting your decision.

I am

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 9 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward b/c in duplicate No. 87. Nov 8. in your favor, for Forty nine 62 ($49.67) dollars, gold, deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S at Philadelphia, being the proceeds of $50. light gold coin forwarded by you to the Mint for recoinage, as per your letter of the 3d inst.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum in duplicate No 1215.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt

Joseph C Abbott. Esq
Coll. of Customs
Wilmington
N. C.

Nov 9 5

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst in reference to the name of Kelso Johnson appearing in the Coiners Department, has been received.

Mr Johnson was appointed a laborer in the general department - is still there, and has not been transferred to the Coiners Department, his name appearing on the Coiners Roll among the laborers as a matter of convenience. This has been usual for many years. We desire to notify the Department of all transfers, and will do so promptly, unless some slip of the memory occasions delay. Very Respectfully

Wm. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

[illegible]

Nov 9 5

Sir

In compliance with your directions I forward to you to day by the Adams Express, a sealed package containing the following medals in bronze, for Mr. Loubet of Paris, through the State Department

The "Metis" Medal
" "John Horn" "
" Life Saving " 1st class.
" " " " 2d "

Please acknowledge their receipt.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Nov 9 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 1st of November inst, I herewith forward our Assayers Report of his assay of the test or pyx samples of Japanese coins, received by you from the State Department and forwarded to the Mint for assay.

I herewith return the papers from the State Department, together with a small package of chips of gold and silver residue from the assays.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Nov 10 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 9th inst. I forward you by 10 days mail, two (2) copies of the Directors Annual Report for 1879, being all we have left

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Upon
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 10 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry under date of the 9th inst I have the honor to state, that of the unexpended balance of the appropriations for the support of this Mint for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1875, deposited with the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, the sum of Two hundred and ninety-one dollars and sixty cents ($291.60) was to the credit of the appropriation for the "Artesian Well."

Very Respectfully
Hl Hickok
Acting Supt

Obsn
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Nov 10 5

Sir

I enclose herewith & forward, Oath of Allegiance of George H. Bender, Recorder, in general department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

H. C. Hickok

Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

L.R.C.

Nov. 10th 5

Sir

Will you be kind enough to inform me whether I shall recoin the $60.287 - gold coin received from the Asst. Treas. at New Orleans, the said sum being less than 1/4 Grain above the least current weight. The remainder of the $400.000 - viz: $339.713 - has been held in the Bullion Fund subject to the Transfer Order of the Treasurer, paid this day -

Very Respy Yours
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon. H R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Nov 11 5

Gentlemen.

Your proposal of the 8th inst to furnish to the Mint 5,000 lbs copper of the best commercial quality, at 22 7/8 cents per lb delivered at the Mint free of all expense, has been approved by the Directors, and is hereby accepted. The copper to be delivered at your earliest convenience, say to morrow Nov 12th.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs
Nathan Trotter & Co.
Philadelphia

Nov 11 5

Sir

Your registered letter of the 9th inst. enclosing a $100, N.Y. gold note of the U.S. for that amt in 20¢ silver coin, and $20. currency for 1¢ coins, has been recd.

We are out of 20¢ silver coins at present, but will have some in about a week, when your order will be filled. I will not be able to send you 1¢ coins until about two weeks from this date.

I herewith enclose a medal circular giving the desired information with regard to proof coins.

Joseph L. Waller, Esq.
2½ Wall St.
New York

Very Respty
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Nov 11 5

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 8th inst has been received.

You will see by the enclosed circular that mutilated minor coins cannot be received for redemption. The Asst Treasurer U. S. at Boston is an authorized redemption agent, and if he has rejected the coins referred to in your note, I could not receive them here; nor have I any authority of law to make any other arrangement with regard to them.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs.
G. H. Withington & Co
Boston
Mass.

Nov 11 65

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 9th which was received yesterday, during my temporary absence from the city.

As an accommodation to you I have acceded for this one occasion to receive the light gold coin you sent by express in payment for moneys, as bullion, not as coin, and let the loss fall on the Mint: but hereafter in bidding for moneys, you will do so with the distinct and positive understanding that you are to pay for them in new U. S. gold coin of full weight for no other will be received.

The coin received for moneys goes into our bullion fund to be

paid out again to parties who deposit bullion for coinage, and must therefore, be new and without any perceptible abrasion. The Mint is not a disbursing agency, but a department of issue. The Mint law requires that none but gold and silver coins of standard weight and fineness be issued. This rule is arbitrary, and coins which an Asst Treasurer may pay out legally under the allowance for abrasion cannot be received or paid out over the counter of the Mint without violation of law, and of course to the damage of the regulations of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Messrs.
E. Ballach & Son
Newark
N. J.

Nov 11 8.

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst. was duly received.

In pursuance of previous special instructions from the Director of the Mint, the Bronze medals desired by Mr. Loubet, of Paris, have since the receipt of your letter been sent to Washington to be forwarded to Mr. Loubet through the State Department.

I enclose herewith a couple of our Medal circulars for your use. The "Metz" and "John Oborn" medals have recently been added to the list at the prices named. Permission has not yet been granted by the authorities at Washington, to strike copies of the "Life Saving" medals of the 1st and 2d class, for sale.

Some months hence it may be in my power to do so.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Sept 15

Mr. Horace S. Ely.
New York

Nov 11 1850

Sir

The 1st No. of gold from your office is 919½ fine by invoice. By our assay it is 922½. Please inform me whether or not there has been an error of one figure in making out the invoice.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Acting Supt
pro tem.

Chas. L. Eaton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay office
New York.

Nov. 12. 5

To the Cashier of the Mint

Sir,

You will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and recoinage (from the the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Fifty Eight Hundred and Forty (5840) Dollars in two (2) ct. Bronze coin, and Seven Hundred and Sixty (760) Dollars in 1 ct Bronze coin, mutilated, as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873 also letter of 28th Jany 1874 and letter of Secretary of the Treasury Oct 29. 1874

[signature]
Superintendent

Nov 12 5

Sir

Referring to your letter (I. G.) of the 8th inst. I herewith enclose Mint Memorandums Nos. 301. and 1231. showing the net value upon recoinage of the gold sent ($348.50) to be $345.50 for which I herewith forward Receipt No. 9835 from the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia. The recoinage of the silver mentioned in your letter ($82.72) produced $78.24 which amount has been forwarded to you to day by the Adams Express in new silver coin, according to your directions.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

A. U. Wyman, Esq
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Washington.

Nov 13 5

Sir

In compliance with a request of the 12th inst. from Mr. Horace S. Ely, 22 Pine Street, New York, I herewith forward for your use, if necessary, the printed address of Mr. Loubat of Paris.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 13 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending November 13. 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 13th 5

Sir

I have drawn your Transfer Order for the Sum of Twenty Four Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty One ($24,751) Dollars, to reimburse you for Minor Coins reissued

Very Respy Yours

Supt.

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer of
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 15th 5

Sir.

I beg to hand you herewith Transfer Order No. 3105 for $525.048.76, and would respectfully state that the same is incorrect in regard to the weight of Silver & therein stated. The true sum is as follows - Viz -

Ozs. 273.587.56	Silver	=	$297.936.87
" 12.207.264	Gold	=	227.111.89
Ozs. 285794.72		=	$ 525.048.76

It is all right as to value, but the value of the Silver has evidently been repeated by your clerk, in recording the weight of Gold & Silver Bullion received. Please correct and return for my endorsement.

Very Respy

[illegible]
Supt

Treasurer U.S.
Washington

Nov. 15 5

Messrs Wm. J. Hall
Genl.

The fineness of the gold ring sent by you is 732 thousandths, or 17 $\frac{18}{32}$ carats.

The part not used is returned by Express, as you direct.

Mint Charge, one dollar curr. received

Respy. yours
J. W. Ellis
Supdt.

Nov. 18[illegible] 5

Sir,

I herewith transmit to you the M & Rs. statements of Bullion Operations, and Gold and Silver Workings for the month of October 1875, together with his accompanying letter of explanation

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

To Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Nov. 15th 5

Sir,

Your letter of the 15th inst. enclosing instructions to impose a coinage charge on Trade Dollars from and after the 15th November inst., of one and one fourth per cent of the nominal value, has been received, and the new rate of charge put into immediate operation.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt.

To
Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Nov. 15th 5

Sir,

Our draft for the month of November not having yet come to hand, and I having for more than a week been out of funds to meet incidental expenses, and obliged, almost every day, to refuse payment of bills for want of money, may I ask how soon I may expect to receive a remittance for the amount of my requisition. The entire amount in my hands on the 30th of October on account of appropriations was only $20.386.30, so I presume there is no trouble this time on account of the proportion the funds in my hands bear to my bond.

An early transmission of the draft

will be very acceptable in our present circumstances.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

To

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Nov 16 5

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst addressed to my Chief Clerk Mr Hickok, has been received through the U. S. Marshal in this City. Mr Hickok did not make the assay, that not being in the line of his duty, and he can prove nothing, except to identify his letter to you of August 24th nor can Mr Jacob B. Eckfeldt Asst Assayer, who made the assays in the two cases mentioned in that letter do more than verify the figures Mr. Hickok gave you, Besides, the assay proved nothing, either as to the coin and planchets being genuine, or counterfeit, They both came within legal standard

and from anything the assay shows,
may have been gone on bad.
As was the faulty appearance
of the dies (on which I was informed
me) that had one die gauge, the
faulty of the engraver, from a casu-
al inspection that the coin for
was counterfeit. But as he kept
no record of the matter and
the piece is not in existence, and
he has not seen it since, he
cannot after this length of
time, recollect this particular
coin out of others he had ex-
amined at different times, so as
to give any definite statement
with regard to it. As to the plan-
chet it was only doubted from
being in sufficient bad company,
I do not see that it is in our
power to give you any help.
myself. Mr. Hickles letter to you

of August 24th. His signature you can prove by the officers of the U. S. Assy office at New-york.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

W. W. Kennoch, Esq.
Acting Chief Detective.
U. S. Dist. New-york.

Nov. 17th 5

Sir.

I have the honor to return herewith Transfer Order No. 3115 for $525.048.76 with my receipt for said Sum endorsed thereon.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 17 5

Sir

Your letter of the 10th inst has been received.

The Mint does not deal in nickel ores, and I am not able to give you any information with regard to their market value.

You might communicate with Mr. Joseph Wharton, proprietor of the American Nickel Works, Camden, New Jersey, who is thoroughly posted on the subject.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Mr. R. K. Smythe.
Fort Collins
Colorado.

Nov 17 [illegible]

Sir

Referring to my letter to you [illegible] through the U. S. Marshal of this City, in reference to the assay of certain fine and nickel pieces, I now have to ask, that as it is very desirable to smash counterfeiting, and as we are ready to do all in our power towards it you had better send us another coin of the same kind and our Engraver will examine it carefully, so as to be able to swear whether it is from his die or not.

The assay is of less account, because counterfeiters can well afford to put in the full amount of nickel and make it right.

If we had known that testimony was needed for a court we would have taken particular pains to be ready for it. But we are constantly called on for opinions of this kind, and we dismiss the matter from our minds as soon as it is done with.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

W. W. Kennock Esq.
Acting Chief Detective
U.S. Dist
New York.

Nov 19 8

Gentlemen

Will you please submit estimates and proposals at your early convenience, for cleaning the north front and flanks of the Mint building, and oblige

Yours very truly

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs,
Struthers & Sons
1022 Market St.
Philada.

Nov 17 5

Sir

Will you please submit estimates and proposals at your early convenience, for cleaning the north front and planks of the Mint building, and oblige.

Yours Very Truly

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. Henry L. Tarr.
710 Green St.
Phila

Nov 16 5

Gentlemen,

Will you please submit, at your early convenience, estimates and proposals for cleaning the north front and planks of the Mint building, and oblige

Yours very truly

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs.
Muller & Killen
22 St at Chestnut
Philada

Nov 18 5

Gentlemen.

Will you please submit, at your early convenience, estimates and proposals for cleaning the north front and flanks of the Mint building, and oblige

Yours very truly

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs.
Myleroy & Atkinson
22 Shak Chestnut
Phila

Nov 18 5

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst has been received.

The piece you speak of is doubtless a coin of Connecticut, struck in 1780, before the establishment of the U. S. Mint. "Auctori Connec" means "by authority of Connecticut." Inde Et Lib. - Independence and Liberty.

We can furnish proof sets of U. S. coins issued during the present year, but not of previous years. The terms you will find stated in the circular herewith sent you.

Several kinds of one-cent pieces were issued by the U. S. Mint

in 1798-99-90, and in 1817, and 1839. There was only one kind in 1881.

The 2¢ bronze was first issued in 1864, and discontinued April 1. 1873.

The 5¢ copper-nickel was first issued in 1865, and is still coined.

The silver 3¢ piece was first issued in 1851, and discontinued April 1. 1873.

Trade Tokens are valued by some collectors in proportion to their scarcity. There are none in the Mint Cabinet. There is no end to them.

Col. Frank M. Ellis, No. 506 Walnut Street, this City, has got up a very fine Museum of Continental relics in Independence Hall, and I suggest that you

correspond with him with regard to your bromwellian powder horn.

I refer you for general coinage matters, to Mr. John W. Haseltine, whose card I enclose.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

W. H. Polk Esq. P.M.
Paris.
Ky.

Nov 18 [illegible]

Sir

The 100 titles for the Carson Mint ordered in your letter of October 26th ultimo, have been made and forwarded to that Mint by rail. The receipt in duplicate of the Penna R.R. Co. is herewith enclosed, together with Mr Kirkumets receipted bill in duplicate for $16. which I forward for payment as per your directions.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

[illegible]

Nov 18 [illegible]

Sir

Enclosed I forward for your consideration copy of a communication of this date addressed to me by our Mellor Refiner informing me that in one week from this date he would be out of silver to work on except our own deposit. I regret that it has not been convenient to forward to us the standard silver now lying in the New York Assay Office but hope it may yet be done.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.

Nov. 18th 5

Sir.

The sum of Two Hundred Thousand (200,000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is ready for transfer from the Bullion Fund to Sub-office as you may designate.

Please have the transfer made in sums of $100,000 each.

Very Respy. Yours

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Novr. 19th 5

Sir

I beg to inform you that your Transfer Order No. 3165 for $900. in 1 and 3¢ Coin will have to be retained until Tuesday next, as there are no 3¢ Coin in the Redemption Fund in condition to Reissue.

I would also state that the Coinage of the 3¢ piece has been suspended by the Secretary of Treasury, and as a consequence I cannot supply the same for your accommodation. I think that by the above mentioned time there will be sufficient 3¢ Coin to meet the order as requested in your letter of the 16th.

Very Respy Yours

J. D. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov 19 [illegible]

Sir

I enclose herewith & forward

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of October 1875.

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of October 1875.

3. Statement of Bars manufactured during the month of October 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Nov 20 [illegible]

Sir

I have appointed John Richardson as laborer in the general department of this Mint at $2.75 per diem. To take effect December 1. 1875. and submit the same for your approval, under the 7th section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 20 5

Sir

I have appointed Mr. O. C. Busbyshell. Acting Coiner during the temporary absence of the Coiner from the Mint and submit the same for your approval, in accordance with request of the Coiner, who expects to be absent three or four days.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 20 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending November 20. 1875

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Obon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
&c.

Nov 20 5

Sir

Yours of the 19th inst has been received.

Silver will be converted into Trade Dollars (the weight of which is 420 grains) at the rate of one and a quarter per cent on the face or nominal value.

The value of a Trade Dollar in subsidiary silver coin is $1.00.

We do not purchase silver in small lots as formerly, but receive it only as a deposit payable in Trade Dollars at the rate named.

L. C. L. Huntington, Esq.
204 So. Front St.
Phila.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt.

Nov 22 5

Sir

I herewith transmit for your consideration a copy of a communication received from Prof Booth, our Melter & Refiner, proposing that the refining of all the precious metals produced in the United States and Territories should be refined at the Mints of the United States, and demonstrating that their refining capacity is equal to $100,000,000 per annum. His suggestion is a very important one, and appears to be entirely practicable. It would certainly be very creditable and advantageous, and I am sure the proposition will commend itself

to your favorable consideration.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 23 5

Sir

You have been appointed Laborer in the general department of the Mint, at $2.75 per diem, to take effect December 1st 1875.

You will take the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and bring it with you when you report for duty.

Yours truly

[illegible]

Supt

Mr John Richardson
Phila

Nov 29 5

Sir

In accordance with the provisions of the Coinage Act of 1873, I have, with the approval of the Director of the Mint, appointed you Acting Coiner during the present temporary absence of the Coiner, and you will perform the duties of Coiner accordingly.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Ob. Bosbyshell by
Acting Coiner

Nov 28 5.

Sir.

Yours of the 19th inst. and specimens of ore by Express, have been received.

Upon examination the ore turns out to be clay-slate tinted with iron, and of no value.

Very Respt.

[illegible]

Supt.

Mr. Wm Powels.
New Richmond.
W Va

Nov 28 5

Sir

The net product of the recoinage of $104.52 (tale value) light gold coin forwarded by you to the Mint for that purpose on the 17th inst, amounted to $103.17 in new coin, and for that sum I herewith send you b/d from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philada No. 1748 in triplicate, together with Mint Memorandum No. 1268 in duplicate, one for yourself, and the other for the Treasury Department.

Please send me a special acknowledgement of the receipt of the b/d as my voucher.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Sup

Byrus Northrop, by
Coll of Customs
New Haven. bl

Nov 23 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I have to state that our system of counting and weighing mint coins is perfect leaving no room for mistake. The full amounts of coins ordered were delivered to the Adams Express Co. to be forwarded to you, and if there is any deficiency, the fault is not ours.

Very Respectfully

Walter Burchard Supt Mint

Rochester

Minn

Nov. 24 5

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 22d accompanying a box of ore from Jacob Layman of West Virginia, the Assayer reports that it is not a silver ore (as supposed) but the ordinary oxide of iron, constantly used at the smelting furnaces, and variously known as brown hematite, or peroxide, or hydrated sesquioxide of iron.

The papers are herewith returned.

Very respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. A.R. Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Nov 24th 5

Sir

The Sum of Four Hundred Thousand ($400000) Dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin is ready for transfer to such office as you may designate.

Very Respy Yours

[signature]
Supt

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 26 5

Sir

Enclosed I forward duplicate C/D No. 88. Nov 24th, from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in your favor, for $87.94 gold coin, proceeds of the recoinage of $87.50 light gold coin sent to the Mint for that purpose, as per your letter of the 18th inst.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum in duplicate No. 1271.

Please acknowledge receipt of the C/D and oblige.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Jos C. Abbott. Esq.
Coll of Customs.
Wilmington
N. C.

Nov 26th 5

Sir

Pursuant to your letter of instructions of the 19th inst, I am in receipt of 105. 1102.67 Std. ozs. Silver Bullion from the U.S. Assay Office at New York, valued at the sum of £131.138.6d in Subsidiary Silver Coin - per Transfer Order No. 3179.

I thought it would be right to call your attention to the fact that as this Silver is transferred to this Mint at the issuing value of Subsidiary Silver Coin, the profit by its Coinage will not be made to appear in my a/c. I presume that part of the transaction will be taken care of by the Assay Office.

Very Respectfully Yours

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
DC

Supt

Norfolk

Sir

Referring to our conversation on Wednesday the 24th inst in my office, I desire now to respectfully suggest that in view of the delay in filling orders for the 3 and 20 cent nickel-copper coin - the redemption and reissue of such coin being insufficient to meet the demand, the order of the Secretary of the Treasury of May 24th 1870 suspending the coinage of such pieces be revoked and authority given, by him, to resume; limiting the coinage of said pieces to such the amount on hand shall not exceed in value more than [illegible] of each denomination

-giving to the Superintendent a discretion within this limit. Our orders are increasing, and we are required to delay the filling of orders for from 4 to 6 weeks. The interest of the Government and people would be promoted by revoking the order of May 8, 1875.

Again for the purpose of furnishing material for the bronze, and the nickel-copper coinage, I would also suggest and urge that authority be given by the Secretary of the Treasury, to the Superintendent to transfer to the Melter & Refiner the old (large) copper cents, the nickel-copper cents, and all bronze and mutilated coins of whatever denomination or character for recoinage. Experience has

shown that such transfers for recoinage have not only prevented loss, but been largely profitable to the Government; and avoid the necessity of purchasing new material. The authority to recoin the two cent bronze pieces, and the mutilated one cent bronze coins has been given, and is in full force. On the revocation of the order of May 8. 1878, the transfer of the nickel & copper cents, under existing authority could be made, but to avoid all conflict of construction or jurisdiction, a general order by the Secretary of the Treasury embracing all the minor coins not reissuable, would be judicious and wise; the transfer to be made by the Superintendent to the Melter & Refiner for recoinage

in the exercise of a careful discretion.

At your request made in the conversation above referred to, I respectfully submit these matters for the consideration and action of yourself and the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
Col. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 29 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending November 27th 1875.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Mack
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Nov 29 [illegible]

Sir

The two enclosures in your note of the 25th inst are herewith returned, as requested, with the information desired, marked on each respectively.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. Saml H. Hodhour
Cambridge City
Ind

No. 30

Sir

In accordance with your instructions of the 8th of October ult. the following dies for 1876 have this day been forwarded by the Adams Express Company to the U.S. Mint at San Francisco, in three wood iron-bound boxes.

	Obverse	Reverse
Double Eagle	24	24
— Eagle	4	4
Half do	4	4
Quarter do	4	4
Dollar (gold)	2	0
Trade Dollar	16	16
Half do	24	24
Quarter do	12	12
Dime do	12	12
Dime	106	106

Duplicate Express receipt herewith enclosed.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
Dd

Nov 30 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date for $32,400. for the service of this Mint for the month of December 1876. viz.

Salaries	$3,400.
Wages	20,000.
Incidentals	8,000.

I find it will not be precedent to ask for less than $8,000. at this time for incidentals.

An early remittance will be very acceptable.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Nov 30 5

Sir

I herewith forward for consideration, proposals from seven different parties, to clean the north front and flanks of the Mint building.

2.	Atkinson & Myhlertz		$ 950.00
1.	Edward Shower	A)	1,600.00
	" "	B)	1,200.00
2.	Struthers & Sons	A)	2,400.00
	" "	B)	1,800.00
3.	Henry S Carr & Son		1,600.00
4.	Douglass Bros		2,000.00
5.	Dickinson & Co	A)	4,000.00
	" "	B)	3,000.00
6	Muller & Killen		8,000.00

Messrs. Atkinson & Myhlertz are experienced and responsible parties, and understand fully

what they will have to do, and I propose, with your consent, to award the contract to them, they being the lowest and best bidders.

Please return the proposals with your reply.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

The work to be fully completed by the first of May next.

Nov 30th 5

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Twenty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty (25.430) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. John C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Nov. 8 [illegible]

Sir

I enclose a notice from the Melter & Refiner, that we are out of copper for cent coinage. With your consent I propose to advertise, under the 6th Section of the Coinage Act for ten thousand (10,000) lbs copper, as the demand for one cent pieces is very great and it does not seem advisable to incur the expense of advertising so frequently, the 5,000 lbs advertised for recently being already exhausted.

Awaiting your instructions.

I remain.

Wm. H. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Nov 31 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for November 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
&c.

Nov 30 5

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint, with the following result

Gold	$930,889.39
Silver	578,149.91
Ord a/c regular	20,341.25
Minor Coinage	50,018.87
" Coins Exchanged	2,819.17
" " reissued	25,430.00
" Coinage Redemption	17,110.69
	$1,624,758.48

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general condition and operations of the Mint, and

The Institution was found to be in good working order, and the business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 1st 75

Sir

I hand you herewith Gold and Silva Wastage Warrants for the fiscal year ended June 30th 1875, as requested in yours of yesterday -

I might state in this connection that the Bullion C/es for the 3rd quarter will be forwarded in the course of a week or 10 days, the work on them being somewhat delayed in consequence of the book keeper having to be transferred temporarily to assist the Cashier -

Very Respectfully Yours

A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 1 5

Sir

I herewith return with my approval, bill of the Adams Express Co. enclosed in your letter of November 30. for transportion of minor coins, belonging to my bullion accounts for the 2d quarter of 1875.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolard

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward, oath of allegiance of John Richardson, laborer in this Mint

Very Respectfully

J. W. Boyd
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 1 5

W. R. Harvey, Esq
Official Agt Treas. Dept

Dear Sir

The bearers Robt Bromall and Kelso Johnson, of the Mint have been assigned by me to assist you in the handling and weighing of the coin in the office of the Asst Treasurer U. S. in this City, as requested by the Asst Secretary of the Treasury, in his letter of the 29th ult.

Yours Respectfully

Jas. C. Leech
Supt

Dec 1 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward, Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged, during the month of November 1875.

Also, for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage operations for month ending November 30. 1875.

Very Respectfully
[signature]
Supt

Obon
Dr. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 2 5

Sir

I will thank you to forward to the Secretary of the Treasury, the enclosed b/d. December 1. No. 2740, for $300 cy coin, for a/c of the Assayer of the Denver Mint, as per his directions of November 17th ultimo, a copy of which is herewith enclosed, together with Mint Memorandum No. 1290.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 2 5

Sir

Referring to your letter of Nov 17th ult, I herewith enclose b/d in your favor, Dec 1. No. 2790. for $312.61 coin, together with triplicate Mint Memorandum No. 1293. The original b/d has been mailed to the Treasury Department as directed in your letter.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Roswell
Supt

Jacob L. L. Schirmer, Esq
Assayer. U. S. Mint
Denver
Col

Dec 2 [illegible]

Sir

Your letter of the 29th ult. has been received.

When not occupied by his regular official duties, our Assayer is authorized as a matter of accommodation, to make assays of ores, but only to find gold and silver, but not other metals. Our charge is $5.00 for each specimen assayed, to cover the cost of the transaction. We are very busy at this time and could not make the assay for some time. Your better plan would be to send your ores to Messrs Booth & Garrett, Branch St. this city, who are thoroughly competent analytical chemists.

W. H. Robinson, by Rome

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Dec 3d 5

Sir.

I have your letter of yesterday informing me that you have requested the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer the Sum of $14.152 21 from the Bullion Fund of this Mint to the Assay Office at New York, the same being the difference between the value of 105.402. 67/100 Standard ounces Silver Bullion received from that Office on the 24th inst calculated at 1 24, and the cost thereof.

I beg to ask respectfully how the transfer of Coin from the Bullion Fund can correct the clerical error in drawing the Transfer Order for the above? The trouble, if I understand the matter correctly, is simply an error in

Rome

Sir

in stating the value of the silver at its Coinage rate, instead of the cost, and I can see no way of giving the Silver Profit & Loss a/c. the credit of the gain, as stated in yours of the 29th ult., other than by treating it at its actual cost through the Bullion Fund.

The Bullion Fund stands credited with the sum of $131.138.63, which is $14.152.21 too much (in figures only) and a simple counter entry, with a corrected statement and Transfer Order for the true value will correct the a/c, while the withdrawal of the above sum in coin will only deplete the Bullion Fund, and it appears to me, fail to adjust the a/c.

Respectfully submitting this view

I am, very truly Yours

J. W. Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint

Dec 3. 1875.

Sir.

Report of the Assayer of U.S. Assay Office N.Y. of the assay of test coins reserved, for the purpose, at this Mint, during the month of October 1875. and handed this day to the Melter & Refiner. Assayer and Coiner. Viz.

		Weight gr. dec	Fineness Gold.	Fineness Silver
Double	Eagle	516.2	899.	9
Quarter	dollar	96.7	Trace	900.4
Half	do	192.2	.	899.
Dime		38.4	.	901.3

James Pollock
Supt
Fer W. Cr.
L.C.

No 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 2d inst. I herewith forward a report from my Cashier, showing the pressure upon us for minor coins, and our inability to meet it under existing regulations. The coming Centennial celebration, with the expected enormous increase in the number of visitors from all parts of the country, will doubtless make a still heavier demand upon us for minor coinage, and a modification of the Act changing and suspending the coinage will

be an accommodation to the public.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 9 [illegible]

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 28th of September last, I have the honor to say that the diss for a badge or medal to be worn by the members of the National Association of Veterans of the Mexican war, have been prepared by our Engraver, after the designs furnished, and are now ready for use.

A few days ago a Committee of the Association, General Denver, Chairman, called here to ascertain the cost, including metal of striking and mounting the medal or badge. I herewith enclose copy of a letter to me from the Engraver

on the general subject of the medal, and giving an estimate of the cost. The cost as you will see, including the medal at 30 cts, will be $1,05. I also enclose a specimen of the badge mounted. The ribbon will red white and blue, and fitted to the size of the badge. If the Committee desire the medal to be struck here, we are ready for the order. The mounting and lettering can also be done in this City, as stated by Mr Barber. The cutter ordered will cost $24. to be paid for by the Committee or Association. If the medal is to be struck and mounted elsewhere, we will send the dies to you, or wherever you may direct them to be sent

Shall any charge be made for the dies?

I return the enclosures of your letter of the 28th of September as requested.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

I also enclose specimen of copper badge silvered, or plated with silver, which is very neat in appearance, and will cost about five cents more than the bronzed medal.

Dec 8 8

Sir

In making up estimates of stationery for the Mint for the next six months, I am not quite certain what the Department considers as properly embraced in that term. For instance we need from time to time according to the exigencies of our business a variety of common blank books (Sample leaves of which I enclose and will thank you to return with your reply) which I have been in the habit of buying here ready made. Is it required that I shall estimate for supplies of that kind, to be furnished hereafter by the

Department, or can I continue to procure them here as heretofore? Please advise me. Also be good enough to inform me whether our large heavy pointed record books are to be pointed and bound at Washington, and included in the estimates, or are they to be made here to order under my supervision as usual

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 4 5

Sir

Yours of the 2d
wish is at hand.
The Mint does not
keep old coins for sale,
only proof coins of the
current year, as per
enclosed circular. You
will have to apply to
coin dealers, and collectors.

Yours truly

Supt

Mr.
Geo W Rice
Columbus
Ohio

Dec 4 · 5

Gentlemen.

Your proposal of Nov 20th to clean the north front and flanks of the Mint building for the sum of Nine hundred and fifty (950) dollars, being the lowest and best bid, has been accepted and approved. A written contract will be prepared and ready for your signatures by Monday noon, the 6th inst, at which time you will please call for that purpose.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Messrs
Atkinson & Myhlertz
22d St below Market
Phila

Dec. 4th 5

Sir

Will you oblige me by forwarding a Corrected Invoice of the Silver transferred from your Office on the 4th ulto, Covered by Transfer Order No. 3179, dated Nov. 22d, and reported as equal to $ 13:138.63 Coinage value? I desire to know the cost.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Supt

Hon T. C. Acton
Sup't U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Dec 4 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward a Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending December 4. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
W. A. Richardson
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 7 8

Sir

You will learn from the enclosed note received this morning from the Melter & Refiner that the last invoice of silver from the New York Assay Office has nearly all been worked into ingots, and that we are now ready to receive more of the 600000 reported by Mr Mason as being at the Assay Office New York. Will you direct further supplies to be forwarded to us.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Gardener
Director of the Mint.

Dec. 4th

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner, for Melting and Surveying from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund Twelve hundred and Seventy (1270 [illegible]) Dollars in two (2) Ct. Bronze coin, and Eighty (80 [illegible]) Dollars in One (1) Ct. Bronze Coin (Mutilated), as per authority of the Director of the Mint in his letter and telegram of 20th April 1873, also letter of 20th January 1874, and letter of the Secretary of the Treasury 3 Ct. 29th 1874

[illegible]
Supt.

Nov. 6th 5

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c of Ordinary Expenses for Novem- ber 1865, with the vouchers.

Very Respectfully Your Obt Servt

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 6th 5

Sir

I am in receipt of your's of the 4th inst informing me that you had this day credited my a/c with the sum of $10.417. 44/100 Dollars, Coin, per Draft 8145 A, Treasury Wt. #2559 of like amount received".

Will you be kind enough to inform me as to the source of this credit, as it seems not to be understood here

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollard
Supt

Hon. Jno C. New
Treasurer United States
Washington
D.C.

Dec 7 0

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 4th inst. I herewith forward a communication of this date from our Engraver Mr. Barber, stating that he can furnish the reproduced dies for the U. S. Diplomatic medal (July 4 1876) early in January next. The two heads submitted by him to my inspection, are entirely satisfactory, and the circumstances in the way of an earlier completion of the dies, are fully explained in Mr Barbers letter.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Dec 7 5

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 3d inst. together with the accompanying advance copy of your annual report, for which you will please accept my thanks.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Lowell

Supt

Hon. John Jay Knox.
Comptroller of the Currency.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 7 5

Sir

In reply to your inquiry of the 3d inst. I have to state for your official information, that to clean redeemed copper-nickel coins, we dip momentarily in aquafortis, and then finish by a dip in pure nitric acid; the moment it is finished the pieces are thrown into water containing a mere trace of sulphuric acid. They can be kept almost any length of time in this acidulated water without tarnishing. They are then wiped dry and revolved in a wheel in masses to give them a little polish.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Wm Haven. Jr. by
Asst Treas. U.S.
Boston.

Dec 7th 5

Sir.

I forward this day my Bullion and Coinage a/c's for the 3rd Quarter 1875, the same having been unavoidably retarded (as has been heretofore explained) by reason of the temporary transfer of the book keeper to the Cashier's office.

In consequence of the new regulation regarding the valuation of the Trade Dollar in Subsidiary Coin, you will find the Warrants for the 3d Quarter for Trade Dollars, corrected, or rather adjusted to agree with the "net value of the deposit" as shown on the calculation sheets, and also suitable entries are made to bring the Trade Dollars on hand July 1st to the same value. New forms are now being used so

that

that the warrants and checks will
correspond, without the marginal
reference being necessary.

Very Respectfully Your
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 8th 5

Sir.

Will you oblige me by forwarding Transfer Order No. 3203, dated the 3d inst, for $14.152 21, issued against the Bullion Fund of this Mint in your favor, in correction of the sum forwarded erroneously and with which I am charged, on the 24th ulto.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. T. C. Acton
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York.

Dec 8 5

Sir

In response to my advertisement of the 3d of December inst. I have received two proposals to furnish 10,000 lbs Copper, for minor coinage, as follows.

Pope, Cole & Co. Baltimore, 23 cts per lb.
Merchant & Co. Philada 23 cts. " "

and submit the same for your consideration. They are both responsible dealers, but with your approval, the contract should be awarded to Pope, Cole & Co. they being the lowest bidders.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Dec 5 5

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 8th and 22d of November, ultimo, I have to day forwarded to the Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Co. as per the enclosed receipt, the following dies for the calendar year 1896.

	Obvers	Reverse
Trade Dollar	24	12
Half "	12	6
Quarter "	12	—
Twenty Cents	6	—
Dime	12	6
Double Eagle	12	6
Eagle	6	—
Half Eagle	6	—
Quarter "	2	—
	92	30

As directed by you, the dies from the quarter dollars, twenty cents and dimes, were not tempered.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
Ob. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 9 5

Sir

James Heslek, gold and silver melter, in the Melter and Refiners Department, died November 22d 1875, and his name has been dropped from our rolls. His death was sudden.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 9 5

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 7th inst requesting me to strike and forward to you, six-sixteen inch intermediate coin from the dies prepared for you in 1854.

I am unable to comply with your request, for two reasons.

1. There is no authority of law to justify me in doing so.

2. The die sunk in striking the last specimens, and being now destroyed, can no longer be used for your purpose.

Very Respty

J. R. Snowden Dir

Montgomery Pickford.
New York.

Dec 9 5

Sir

I herewith submit for your approval and return, the authorized contract with Messrs. Atkinson & Mylertz, for cleaning the north front and planks of the Mint building.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 9 5

Sir

I have increased the per diem of Thos H. Hackett and H. H. Haigh, formerly labored in the general department, now letters in the Coiners Department from $2.75 to $2.90, the same as the other cutters; and submit the same for your approval; this increased to date from the 1st of December, inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 9 5

Sir

The two 5¢ pieces enclosed in your letter of the 8th inst are both genuine coins; the bars or "faces" having been omitted after 1866, by order of the Secretary of the Treasury.

The coins are herewith returned.

Very Respty

J. A. Bolard
Supt

Mr. Geo. C. Sturgiss
Oakland
Md

Dec 10. 1875.

The following report of the assay of test coins, by the Assayer of the New York Assay Office, for the month of November, reserved at this Mint for that purpose, has been handed to the Melter & Refiner, Assayer and Coiner.

	Weight	Fineness	
	Gals.	Gold	Silver
Double Eagle	57.6	899.8	9
Half Dollar	193.2	0	900.2
Quarter "	96.3	0	902.0
Twenty cents	77.7	0	900.2
Dime	38.5	0	900.8

James Pollock
Supt
per W.B.
S.C.

Dec 10 5

Gentlemen.

Your proposal of the 6th of December inst. to furnish to this Mint ten thousand (10,000) pounds copper @ twenty three (23) cents per pound, has been approved and accepted you being the lowest bidder. You will please deliver the copper at your early convenience, in strict accordance with my advertisement and the terms and conditions stated in your proposal.

Very Respectfully
J. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
Pope, Cole & Co.
Baltimore, Md.

Dec 10 5

Sir

I have this morning received your requisition of the 9th inst. for five small weights for the Denver Mint, and have given the order to Mr. Henry Troemner 710 Market St. Philadelphia, we having no facilities for making them in the Mint. When made he will send them addressed by Mr Longstreet, as usual, and forwarded at the Assayer in charge of the Denver Mint, as directed, and he will send to you for payment.

Very Respectfully

Hon. M. R. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint

Decem 10th 5

Sir

By request of the Director of the Mint, at Washington, you will please have made, at your earliest convenience, the following weights for the U. S. Mint at Denver, Colorado, and send them to me at this Mint, to be adjusted, viz:

One lb Ounce weight
One 1/2 " "
One 1/4 " "
One 1/8 " "
One 1/16 " "

You will also deliver to me, your bill against the Denver Mint for the same, in duplicate, receipted, to be transmitted to the Treasury Department for payment.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Superintendent

Mr. Henry Lemmer
710 Market St
Philada.

Decr. 10th 5

Sir.

I beg to hand you herewith a copy of a letter received from the Supt. of the Assay Office at New York, in reply to my request for the Transfer Order issued on the 3d inst in correction of the erroneous value placed upon 105.1102.67 Std Ozs. Silver forwarded to this Mint on the 24th ult, for credit of the Bullion Fund.

As you stated in yours of the 3rd inst. that this T. O. would be forwarded to me, I thought it best to call your attention to my inability to get it, although in point of fact, there is no actual need that it should be in my possession, as the Treasurer U.S. has authorized me to debit his ck. with the amount. Very Respectfully Yours

[signature]
Supt

Hon. H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec 10 5

Sir

Your letter of the 29th of November ultimo, with its enclosures, was duly received.

The Dori granulations therein specified, have also been received and placed in our Assayers hands except the sample of deposit No. 181, which has not come to hand.

The samples received will be carefully assayed, and the results reported to you at the earliest convenient moment.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

O. H. La Grange Esq.
Supt. Mint U.S.
San Francisco
Cal.

Dec 11 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending December 11. 1875.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Ellory

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 11 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 10th inst. I herewith return petty bill of Martha Horner. No. 160. ordinary expenses &c of November 1875, with the amount (1.00) inserted.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
Ch. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 11 5

Sir

I herewith forward the Melter & Refiners report of Bullion operations for the month of November 1875. together with his statements of Gold meltings and Silver meltings for the same period. They are generally satisfactory.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
Wm. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 11th 5

Sir.

I presume that you received my letter of the 24th ult. informing you that the sum of Four hundred thousand dollars in Subsidiary Silver Coin was at that time on hand and ready for transfer from the Bullion Fund. There is now an additional sum of One hundred and fifty thousand dollars subject to your direction, in all $550.000.

Very Respectfully
J. R. Pollock
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 13 '05

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 11th inst I have to day mailed to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, a copy of the Directors annual report for 1863, 1863, 1864, 1866 and 1869. The other reports designated in your letter, are out of print.

Very Respectfully
J. C. Ferrel
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 13th 5

Sir

Please accept my thanks for your kindness in forwarding my communication to the Director enormously enclosed in the envelope addressed to your Office.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon T. C. Acton
Supt of Assay Office
New York

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Decr 18th 5

Sir;

Yours of the 10th with bill of Oliver Bradin for Annealing Furnaces is received.

I would respectfully state that there are five other bills which were forwarded to your Office for a/c. of the Annealing Furnaces in the October a/c, which I judge should also be returned in order that a thorough re=construction of the a/c may be made.

I regret that these bills may not be accepted in the accounts already stated, as the changing of my balances will cause considerable inconvenience to my a/c, covering as they do a number of weeks work.

Can you not induce the

the Department to admit them in their present shape, as there are but a few more bills to pay from this appropriation.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock

Supt.

Hon: H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington, D.C.

Dec 14 75

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 10th of October last, I herewith transmit to your office, estimate of stationery that will be required for the general department of this Mint for the six months commencing January 1. 1876. I also forward separate estimates for the respective operative departments for the same period.

Very Respectfully

A. Loud

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Dec 14 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward statement of the Gold Workings, and the Silver Workings in the Coiners Department of this Mint, during the month of November 1875.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 14 5

Sir

Your annual report for 1875 is in demand. As soon as they are issued from the press, will you please send me a supply for general distribution, as well as for the officers of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
Ob. R. Lindeman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Decr. 15th 5

Sir.

I return herewith my a/c. Current abstract and voucher belonging to the November Ordinary a/c., received in yours of the 10th inst.

The amounts appropriated and transferred to me, and the expenditures, are all kept in separate a/cs. and the balance due on each appropriation can be ascertained at a glance.

With thanks for your attention and inconvenience

Very Respectfully Yours

H C Nickols

Acting Supt

Hon. H R Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Dec 16 5

Sir.

You will please prepare
at your earliest convenience,
six more reversed dime dies
for the Carson Mint, as
per order of the Director of
the Mint, by Telegraph. this
day.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Asst

Wm Barber Esq
Engraver

Dec 16 5

Sir

Yours of the 15th inst is at hand.

The first silver dollar struck by the United States was in 1794.

Very Respty

[illegible]

Mr. R. G. Lee.
Patterson
N.J.

Dec 17 5

Sir

The specimen enclosed in your letter of the 10th inst. is an incrustation of iron, whether natural or artificial, we cannot say. It is of no value.

Very Respty
[illegible]
Supt

Mr.
G. W. Snider
Denison
Tex

Dec. 17 5

Sir

I herewith enclose bill in duplicate, receipted, of Mr. R. A. McClure for $43.90 for rare coins and specimens selected by Mr. DuBois and purchased for the Mint Cabinet. The character and numismatic interest and value of the specimens, are apparent upon the face of the bill. The prices are reasonable, and I respectfully forward the bill for payment out of the general appropriation for that purpose.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Patton

Supt

Hon

Wm. R. Lindeman.

Director of the Mint

Washington.

Dec 17 6

Sir

I herewith forward for your information a letter received yesterday from our Melter & Refiner, with regard to our supply of silver bullion, and approve his suggestion.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec. 17 5

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 16th inst, I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express Co, six reverse dies, and herewith enclose the duplicate Express receipt.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 17 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of November 1875.

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of November 1875.

3. Statement of Coin manufactured during the month of November 1875.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Dec 17 5

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of November 1875.

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during the month of November 1875.

3. Statement of Bars manufactured during the month of November 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Dec 18 5—

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Coroners Weekly Report of Damage executed for week ending December 18 1875.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickox
Acting Supt

Hon
B. R Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

L.A.L.

Dec. 18th 15

Sir

Please draw your Transfer Order for Seventy Nine Hundred (7900) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from your Redemption Fund and received.

Very Respectfully

[redacted]
Actg. Supt.

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Dec 20 65

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing a copy of one from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia giving a statement of his weighings of certain gold coins received by me from the Asst Treasurer at New Orleans, and transferred from the Mint to the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia by order of the Treasurer U. S.

In reply to your suggestions in this connection, I have to recall your attention to your letter to me of the 23d of October ultimo, directing that each piece of those New Orleans gold coins should be "separately weighed by the adjusters and divided into two

lots as followed. All pieces found to weigh a quarter of a grain or more above the least current weight to be placed in one parcel, and all of less weight in another." This was done in literal compliance with your instructions, and the results reported to you. There seems to have been some misapprehension with regard to that report on the part of the U. S. Treasurer, but the inadvertance can readily be corrected by directing the said Treasurer at Philadelphia to return the light coins (84.7 10.5) to the Mint for recoinage.

There does not seem to be any occasion to examine and compare beams and weights, there not being any discrepancy that I am aware of. The weighings by the

Asst Treasurer in this City, not being the same as ours, nor by the same standard, or for the same classification.

I enclose a communication from the Boiner on the subject and await further instructions.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 20 5

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 18th inst. I herewith send you a sample of each of the following blanks from the Assayers office.

Gold Ingot reports.
" Bar "
" Deposit Blanks.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 21 5

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 18th inst with its enclosed draft on New York for $230. currency has been received to day.

The Mint only strikes gold coins for depositors of gold bullion, on the terms of the enclosed circular. If you want to buy gold coins your application should be made to Banks or Brokers who deal in them. Your draft is herewith returned.

There will be no gold coins struck for 1876. until after the 1st of January next.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Messrs.
Schultz & Co.
Zanesville, Ohio.

Dec 21 5

Sir

I have duly received your complaint of the 16th inst of a deficiency of 50 cents in a $50-package of 5¢ nickels forwarded to you by Express. Upon inquiry I find that the full amount of $50, was delivered to the Adams Express Co. for you; and if there was any discrepancy it occurred after leaving our hands. Our system of counting is perfect, leaving no room for mistakes.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell
Supt

L. H. Carter, Esq
Cashier.
Elkader. Iowa.

Dec 22 [illegible]

Sir.

I regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm B. Reidy, bookkeeper in the Cashiers office of this Bank which occurred Sabbath evening December 19. 1875.

As Mr. Reidy filled a very important position, it is important that his place should be taken by a thoroughly competent and reliable party. With that object in view I herewith submit for your official action the name of Lewis B. Reidy, son of Wm B Reidy, deceased, for that position. He is strongly recommended as being in every way competent to fill the office. Also bonding or acquainted with

him, and joins with others in urging his appointment.

The appointment is made to take effect Monday, January 3. 1876. at $3. per diem.

His appointment is herewith submitted for your approval.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 22 5

Sir

I have to report that James S. Lord, Conductor in the general department @ $4. per diem, was suspended indefinitely at the close of the month of November ultimo, and his name dropped from our rolls from and after that date.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Robt.
Ob. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 26 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 19th inst. I have to state that I can furnish you the bronzed medals for the National Association of Veterans at thirty (30) cents each, not including the cross-bar, and engraving or mounting. The cross bar and engraving and mounting were not included in the estimate heretofore submitted. The cross bar will have to be made outside of the Mint, and will cost say six cents each, and must be attached to the medals before the bronzing is done. The medals with the cross-bar can be furnished at thirty six

(36) [illegible] each, in such numbers as you may order, not less than [illegible].

Yours [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

A. M. [illegible] Esq.
[illegible]
Washington
Dec.

Dec 22 5

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst. has been received.

In reply I regret to say that there is no vacancy in the Mint with a large number of applications on file. The Govt. has also ordered a reduc[illegible] in our force of lady e[illegible]ees, we now having more t[illegible] we can profitably employ. [illegible] will therefore not b[illegible] my power to comply [illegible]th your request at this [illegible]e.

Very Respectfully

J. P. Va[illegible]ley
Mansfield
Ohio

[illegible]
Supt

Dec 23d 5

Sir

In reply to your (T. F.) letter of the 22d inst requesting me to forward Transfer Orders Nos. 3197 & 3198 charged against the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund to December 11th 75. I beg to remind you that the custom at this Mint has been heretofore to forward such vouchers with my Quarterly A/c's. If it is your wish to discontinue this practice, and to forward vouchers weekly instead of Quarterly, please notify me and I will arrange my A/c's to suit the change.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. R. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

P.S. I would prefer to hold them as they are my vouchers for transfer from my Cash a/cs. This for sake of uniformity.

Dec 28 75

Sir

Enclosed herewith I return the Report of Assay Coins received for June 1875. with error corrected, forwarded in your letter of the 22d inst for that purpose.

The total on fractions was correct. Two 20¢ pieces were added by misunderstanding the calling off of the report of the Cashier

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 28 5

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 19th inst enclosing copy of communication from J. F. Evans, Esq. Special Agent of the Treasury Department respecting defective coinage of Trade Dollars at the Mint at Carson.

I immediately conferred with the Coiner and Engraver and gave the subject the most careful and exhaustive investigation possible, without any other data to go by than the written testimony submitted; and am entirely satisfied that the imperfect coinage reported is not owing to any defect in the dies, as they do not

not differ in any respect from the dies used at this Mint, and the Mint at San Francisco.

I submit herewith the testimony in writing, of the Coiner and Engraver, which you will see is full and suggestive. I entirely concur in the views they express.

The defect referred to in the 10th point made by the Coiner is not in the dies but in the design of the Trade Dollar, which is very difficult to bring up properly. Every effort has been made to improve it.

Mr. Evans report is herewith returned.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director

Dec. 28. 5.

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 22d. inst. has been received.

The Mint Memorandum No. 327. herewith returned, fully explains the returns for your deposit.

We do not make silver coins less than the dollar for private depositors, as you will see by the enclosed circulars; and the Trade Dollar is worth intrinsically .0884 (eight cents and eight mills) more than two halves or four quarters, being that much heavier. All our silver coins are 900 fine. Your bullion was only 893½ fine. If you will multiply 802 by the Trade dollar value $1.0884, you

will get as the product 1873.
the value stated in subsidiary
silver coin.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Mess.
Nicholson & Co.
Baltimore
Md

Dec 23d

The Cashier

will please deliver to the Mella Refiner for meeting and recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Two Thousand and Eighty Nine 30/100 (2089 30/100) Dollars in old copper cents, as per authority of the Director of the mint in his letter and telegram of 24th April 1873, letter of 23d January 1874, also letter of Secretary of the Treasury Oct. 29th 1874, and letter of Director 11th Dec. 1875

Jas. Pearl
Supt.

Dec 24 5

Sir

I have appointed D. M. Evans, assistant in the Depositt Room, in the general department of this Mint, from the 1st of January 1876, at $3. per diem, and submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. P. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 24 5

Sir

Your letter in relation to the death of Mr Leidy, has been received.

I agree with you in the estimate of the character of Mr Leidy. He was an honest and true man. On the recommendation of Messrs. Cobb and Bowser therein, I appointed the son, as a proper tribute to the father. Young Mr Leidy is now receiving $600. per annum from his employers. As a trial price I have fixed his per diem at $3. equal to $939 per annum - saying to him that if his services are satisfactory and efficient, the pay will be increased. He is

understands it, and is fully satisfied. I hope he will make a useful and intelligent clerk.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Bloodgood
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
&c

Dec 24 5

Sir.

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiner Weekly Report of Coinage for week ending December 24. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 24. 5

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 23d inst. I have to state that thirty (30) cents each, by the quantity, not less than 2000, is no more than the actual net cost price of the Medals for the Mexican Veteran Association, leaving no margin of profit whatever, but will barely save us from loss. The ribbon will have to be furnished by private parties, outside of the Mint, and the lowest estimate I could get for them was six cents each, and the cost of the Medal, exclusive of the engraving and mounting, thirty six cents each, and I so informed the Secretary Mr Kenady, on the 22d inst

I had fixed the price, ~~subject to your approval~~ in accordance with with the Regulations, Page 29, paragraph 8, after full and careful consideration, in

conjunction with the Coiner and the Engraver, and in view of the peculiar shape of the Medal which will require at least double the amount of labor to get up one of the ordinary circular Medal.

Shall any charge be made for the die? I think a reasonable charge ought to be made, not exceeding the actual cost.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Dec 29th [illegible]

[illegible]

Will please deliver to the [illegible] & Refiner for Melting and Recoinage from the [illegible] Coin Redemption Fund Eight hundred and eighty three 10/100 (883 10/100) Dollars in 5th Nickel coin (Mutilated) also Two hundred and forty five 76/100 (245 76/100) Dollars in 3d Nickel coin (Mutilated) as per the following authority

Letter & Telegram of the Director April [illegible]

Do Do Jany [illegible]

Do Secretary of Treasury Oct [illegible]

Do Director Dec [illegible]

[illegible]

Deputy.

Dec 27

Sir

Your letter of the 24th inst. has been received.

The U. S. silver dollar of 1798 is worth only one dollar, but the dollar of 1804 is very rare and valuable, as only four of them were ever issued. If the one you have is genuine and not a copy it is worth several hundred dollars. If you want to sell it your better plan would be to conduct coin dealers, and ask them to make you an offer for it. They have been sold as low as $500. and as high as $700. We have one in the Mint Cabinet, and do not need another. You can apply to J. W. Haseltine,

1225 Chestnut St. this city, or to Edward Cogan, 408 State Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Dept.

Geo. A. Wilson, Esq.
Norwich
N. Y.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Dept.

[illegible]

[illegible]

Washington
D. C.

Dec. 27th 6

Sir.

I enclose herewith Original C/D. No. for $7.229.88 being the unexpended balance of the appropriation made for the erection of the new annealing Furnaces at this Mint, paid into the Treasury this day. Please forward the same to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Cooper
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 23rd 5

Sir

Please draw your Warrant
for Order for Three Thousand
Two Hundred and Eighteen 20/100
($3218.20) Dollars, to reimburse
your Co. for Coin withdrawn from
the Redemption Fund for recoinage
as follows, viz.

Copper Cents	$2089.34
Nickel 3 ct.	215.76
Do 5 ct.	883.10
Total	$3218.20

Please present this Order prior
to the 31st inst.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. James C. Dobbin
Secretary U. S. Navy
Washington

Dec. 28th 5

Dear Sir,

I have, with the approval of the Director of the Mint, appointed you an assistant in the Deposit Room of the Mint, at $3. per diem, to commence Monday, January 2nd 1876.

The enclosed official oath must be taken and subscribed before an Alderman or Judge, and delivered to me, before entering upon your duties.

It gives me pleasure to make this announcement, and I hope it will be agreeable to our mutual friends, Genl. Garfield and Genl. Mr. Schenck, as well as yourself.

Yours Truly

Jno. Pearl
Deputy.

[illegible] McCann
[illegible] Street
Phila.

Dec. 25th 5

Sir,

Your letter of the 28th inst. has been duly received. The operations of the Mint, including the manufacture and sale of medals, are prescribed by law, and conducted upon my official responsibility. With every desire to accommodate your association and further the objects they have in view, I could not with propriety accede to your proposition, to manufacture medals upon a contingency beyond my control, at my personal risk and official liability. I am obliged to promptly account to the Treasury Department in due form, in cash, for all medals manufactured and sold, and I can therefore only furnish medals for cash, payable on delivery.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

S. M. Kennaday Esq.
1st Dec. of Mexican Veterans
Washington D.C.

Dec 29 6

Sir

The coin described in your postal card of the 27th inst. is a coin of New Jersey, struck by that state, and worth from 100 to 9,000, according to its condition.

Very Resptly

[illegible]

Supt

Mr
Geo E. St John.
Yorketown
N. J.

Dec 20 -

Sir

Your note of the 24th inst was received.

I directed a full and searching examination of the alledged error in the count of your minor coins at once to be made. I enclose the report of the Redemption clerk and his clerk in explanation. One of our counters rejected 42 of the 25 pieces as too much mutilated for redemption. I directed the rejected pieces to be brought to me, and when produced, as they were promptly, I found that although battered and mutilated, yet they could be recognized as the 25 coin, and should have been counted. I ordered

you 85 cts currency in full of the rejected pieces. The 39 ¢ old coppers were found in the mixture of "bronze" and "nickel and copper" cents. Such admixture is not only in violation of the Regulations of the Department but causes us more trouble and annoyance than the regular counting of ten times the amount when properly assorted. You should forbid all such mixtures of coins, and hereafter we will be compelled to reject such for redemption. The rejection of the 4 ¢ mutilated 2 ¢ coin, though well intended, was the mistake of our counter - the mixture of the old copper - bronze and nickel - copper cents - three varieties in one mass, was the fault of your counters.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Poland
Supt

F. Haven. Jr. Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
Boston.

Dec 10 .

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of the 9th of December inst. I have duly forwarded to the Manager in charge of the Mint at Denver, by the Adams Express, duplicate receipt herewith enclosed, the following weights, they having been finish carefully adjusted at this Mint by Mr. Longstreet.

One 10 ounce Weight
One 5 " "
One 2 " "
One 1 " "
One 1/2 " "

The bill will be forwarded to you for payment as soon as it has been presented to

me by Mr. Troemner.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Telegram.

Dec 30 1875.

J. B. Underwood
Sp. Agt. P. O. D.
Portland Oregon.

July 28. 1875. Wm G. Gilbert deposited seventy ounces Idaho gold, and received for it. July 30 1875. $1266.42 gold coin. Twelve hundred and sixty six dollars and twenty nine cents.

J. A. Rosend
Supt

Dec 31 75

Sir

Inclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly report of Coinage executed for month of December 1875.

Also Coiners Weekly report of Coinage for week ending December 31st 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 31st 5

Sir

I return you herewith Statement of Silver Bullion to be transferred from your Office to this Mint on Transfer Order No. 3272, Dec. 29th 1875, received with yours of yesterday, and have to respectfully request that you will examine the calculation of "Special Melt No. 82". We believe there is an error therein of $5.57 -

Please return Corrected Invoice.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Fillow
Supt

Hon T. C. Acton
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York

Dec. 31st 5

Sir.

I transmit herewith Transcripts No. 93, for period ending this day, and also inclose cancelled Transfer Orders charged against your A/c. during the current quarter. Hereafter I will enclose all such Orders with my weekly transcript of your A/c, in compliance with your request.

Very Respectfully Your's

Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

January 5 1876

Sir

At the close of business December 31st 1875. I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashiers of the Mint, with the following result

Gold	$ 893 156. 41
Silver	857.679. 34
Ordinary a/c	14.687. 21
Minor Coinage a/c	61.750. 12
Minor Coins Exchanged	3.849. 33
" " Reissued	15.523. 60
" Coinage Redemption.	16.115. 98
	$ 1.862.761. 29.

which corresponds with the books.

I also made examination into the general condition and

operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 3 5 1876

Sir

I herewith forward for payment approved receipted bill, in duplicate, of Mr Henry Troemner, No 710, Market Street, Philadelphia, $6.50 for a sett of five small weights made by him for the U. S. Mint at Denver, in pursuance of your instructions under date of the 9th of December, ultimo, and forwarded by Express to the Assayer of the Denver Mint on the 3rd of December.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bruce
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Jany 3 5 1876

Sir

Your letter of December 31st has been received.

I have no official information as to the market value of Trade Dollars or Silver Bars. It fluctuates from day to day, like other merchantable commodities, and I suppose the difference is slight. Your better plan would probably be to instruct the Express Agent to use his own judgement at the time.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr. Abraham Harris.
Richmond
Va

Jany 3 5 1876

Sir

Enclosed I forward oaths of allegiance of Lewis C. Leidy, Counter in Cashiers Office, and D. M. Evans, Assistant in Deposit Room.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 3 [illegible]

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 31st ultimo has been received.

We are so busy with coinage work, that we rarely get time to examine ores. That which you sent is a granular galena mixed with iron. and gives no promise of containing silver. We never find Penna galena to contain silver, except a mere trace.

If this is not satisfactory. we recommend Mess. Booth & Garrett. Chant. St or Prof. Genth. University of this City. either of whom will promptly make an assay. We will hand over the ore at your order.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Messrs J. Parkhurst & Co.
Elkland. Pa.

Jany 3 6

Sir

In compliance with your request, I herewith transmit my report of Furniture and Fixtures in this Mint, for the Quarter ending December 31. 1875.

I have to request that you send me a further supply of blanks for these reports. I am entirely out.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. A. Potter, Esq
Supervising Architect.
Treasy Dept
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8 6

Sir

I herewith transmit Report of Furniture and Fixtures in this Mint for the Quarter ending December 31. 1875, which I will thank you to forward, with the accompanying letter to the Supervising Architect

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. C. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 3rd 6

Sir.

I forward herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for the month of December 1875 –

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt

Hon H R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Copy 4 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during the month of December 1875.

Also, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations for month ending December 31. 1875. for the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Reed
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 4

Sir

Enclosed I forward C/A in duplicate No 90. Jany 3. from Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, in your favor, for $573.21 gold coin, being the proceeds of the recoinage of $579.00 light gold coin, forwarded to the Mint for that purpose, as per your letter of Dec 21. 1875.

I also enclose duplicate Mint Memorandum No. 1406.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Loffoch

Supt

Geo C. Stevens, Esq
Coll of Customs.
Milwaukee
Wis

P.S. Please acknowledge receipt as my voucher.

Jan 4th 6

Sir

I have the honor to report that in compliance with the requirements of the 5th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873, the obverse working dies of this Mint for the calendar year 1878, were yesterday defaced and destroyed by the Coiner, in the presence of the Superintendent and Assayer.

The following is a detailed statement of the number and denomination of dies destroyed, and the number of reverse dies returned to the Coiner.

The number of dies as charged in the books of the Engraver, corresponded with the number as credited in the books of the Coiner, to wit:

Gold.

Denomination.	Above.	Below.	Total.
Double Eagle	5	3	
Eagle	1	0	
Half Eagle	1	2	
Three Dollars	1	1	
Quarter Eagle	2	1	
One Dollar	3	3	
Total Gold	13	10	23

Silver.

Trade Dollar	6	8	
Half Dollar	44	36	
Quarter Dollar	17	25	
Twenty Cents	3	3	
Dime	65	65	
Total Silver	135	137	270

Nickel and Bronze.

Five-Cent Nickel	43	34	
Three-Cent Nickel	6	11	
One Cent Bronze	68	59	
Total Nickel & Bronze	117	104	306
Total of Coins for the year	265	312	604

Of the total of dies for the year, 604,
there were reverse dies returned
to the Mainer, 54
leaving a balance of 550
dies which were defaced and destroyed
by the use of the forge and sledge.

Very Respectfully,

[illegible]
Superintendent.

Hon. H. A. Linderman,
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

Jany 4 6

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition for funds for the service of this Mint for the month of January 1876. out of the following appropriations.

For Salaries	$3.400
" Wages	21.000
" Contingent Expenses	8.000
	$32,400.

and shall be very greatly obliged if I can be favored with an early remittance of the amount.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jany 5 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Report of coinage executed for the year 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon

H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

Dc.

Jany 6 6

Sir

Yours of the 5th inst has been received.

The U. S. silver dollars of 1795 and 1799 are worth only their face value there being plenty in the market. Dollars of certain years bring good prices. For such information apply to the Coin Dealers in your city.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Mr
H. Irving Webb
New York.

Jany 6. 1876.

The follow report of the assay of test coins, issued by this Mint, by the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, for December 1875. has this day been handed to the Assayer, Coiner, and Melter & Refiner.

	Weight gr	Weight dec	Fineness Gold.	Fineness Silver
Half Eagle	129.	2	899.9	9
Quarter "	64.	6	899.8	9
One Dollar	25.	7	900.0	7
Half "	193.	3	Trace	898.4
Quarter "	96	5	"	900.0
Dime.	38	4	"	898.8

James Pollock
Supt
for W. F. P.
S. C.

Jany 6 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 29th of November, ult. and the sanction of the Director of the Mint, the samples of Dori silver specified in your letter have been carefully assayed at this Mint, and I herewith forward to you through the Director of the Mint, in compliance with his instructions, a tabulated statement of the result of the assays, together with a letter from our Assayer, Wm E. DuBois, Esq. giving a detailed explanation of the careful and exhaustive manner in which the assays were made, and wich I think you will find to be suggestive

and satisfactory.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

O. H. La Grange, Esq
Supt. U. S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal

Jany 6 6

Sir

In compliance with your instructions under date of December 8th and 11th 1876, I herewith forward to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, through your office, a tabular statement of the results of our assays of Dore silver, forwarded to me for that purpose on the 29th of November by the Superintendent of that Mint and received here December 8th. I also forward a letter from our Assayer explaining the manner in which the assays were made.

Hon. Ch. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt.

Jany 6 6

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst has been received.

In reply I have to say that the diameter of the coin is established by the Mint authorities, and not by law. Our coiner presents to me the following facts. There has been a difference in the size of the Dime and Quarter Dollar. The Quarter Dollar from 1796 for several years, was one and eleven hundredth (1 11/100) inches, or one hundred and eleven one hundredth (111/100) inches in diameter. The Dime was seventy-seven one hundredth (77/100) of an inch. For some years previous to 1836 the diameter of

the Quarter Dollar was ninety-five one hundredth (95/100) and the Dime seventy one one hundredth (71/100) of an inch in diameter. A change was made in 1806 as to the Dime, making it seventy one hundredths (71/100) of an inch - the Quarter Dollar continuing as before. The early coinage was struck in what we denominate an open collar, and there may be a slight variation in diameter - perhaps not exceeding one one hundredth (1/100) of an inch, but all the coinage with a reeded edge was struck in close collars, and the pieces should be accurately uniform in diameter.

Very Respectfully

Edward P. Brown, Esq.
Boston.

[illegible]
Supt.

Jany 6 6

Sir

In compliance with your request I herewith return the letter of the Consul of Paris, enclosed to me in your letter of the 28th inst, and have to state in reply that No 61. on our Medal List is there by mistake, there being no such medal in existence. All our Presidential medals are really Indian peace medals, and were struck for presents to Indian Chiefs. No. 75. Grants Indian Peace medal should be transferred to No 61. in future editions of the medal circular and No 75. left blank, until some new medal can be struck in its place.

We have no official information as to who designed and engraved the Ericsson Medal, but the impression is that it was executed in Paris.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
E. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 5th inst. I enclose herewith an impression in soft metal of the badge for the Mexican War Veterans.

On the 3d of December, ult. I sent you a specimen of the badge mounted, and also a specimen of the copper badge plated with silver.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6th 6

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose herewith C.D. No. 28221 for Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty 02/100 Dollars deposited in the Treasury this day on a/c. of Minor Coinage Profits to the 31st ult.

Please forward to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon A.R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 6 6

Sir

Your letter of the 3d inst has been received.

The coins you enquired about were first struck in the respective years stated below

One cent	pieced in	1790
Two "	" "	1864
Three "	nickel " "	1865
Five "	" " "	1866
Three "	silver " "	1851
Five "	" " "	1794
Ten "	" " "	1796
Twenty "	" " "	1875
Twenty five "	" "	1796
Half Dollar "	"	1794
Dollar "	"	1794
Trade Dollar "	"	1873.

The rarest U. S coin is the

silver dollar of 1804. of which only four were struck.

As to the other coins you will please consult Mr J. W. Haselton, whose card I enclose.

I also enclose a Medal Circular.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

J. J. Jacocks Esq
Windsor
N. C.

Jany 7 6

Sir

In reply to your letter (I. G.) of the 6th inst, I have to state that I have this day forwarded to you by the Adams Express $1400. in 5¢ nickels, and $600. in 1¢ pieces in full of your order.

We had no 5¢ nickels on the 29th ult except cleaned coin, and but little of that, and no 1¢ coin, and could not supply your wants until now.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
A. U. Wyman.
Asst Treas U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 7th 6

Sir.

I hand you herewith a statement of the Silver Bullion for Subsidiary Silver Coin, and for Subsidiary Silver Coin transported to and from the Mint and paid for during the 4th Quarter 1875.

Very Respectfully Yours
J. A. Collins
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Statement.

Date	Kind	Amount	Destination	Cost.
Septr.	Subs. S. Coin	$600.000.	to Boston	$1.992.
Octr.	Do.	100000	to Do.	
"	Do.	100000	to Baltimore	
"	Bullion	340.577.83	from A.O.N.Y.	949.
"	Subs. S. Coin	100.000.	to New York	
"	Bullion	75.462.73	from Do.	
Novr.	Bullion	126.805.30	from Do.	
	Coin	100000	to Boston	923.
	Bullion	* 131.138.63	from New York	
	Coin	100.000.	to Boston	
Decr.	Coin	100000	to New York	379.
	Bullion	277.538.97	from Do.	
				$ 4243.

* Note. This item was settled for at invoice value ($1 24.416, being erroneous) and claim has been made on the Express Co. for the sum overpaid.

Jany 7th 6

Sir.

I beg to call your attention to an error on the part of the U.S. Assay Office at New York, in the computation of the value of the Silver Bullion transported by your Company from that Office on the 24th November last on Transfer Order No. 3179, to this Mint, and by which you were overpaid in the Sum of $15 — Silver Coin for the transportation thereof.

The weight of the bullion was 105.402 67 standard ounces, costing the U.S. $116.986.42 instead of ———————— 131.138.63 as stated in the Invoice of the Assay Office, and by which your bill was approved. I enclose you herewith a bill for the sum overpaid and have

to

respectfully request that you will liquidate the same as early as possible.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Ryan
Supt

Geo. C. Thompson Esqr
Supt Mint Dept.
Adams Express Co.
Philada.

Jany 7th 6

The Adams Express Co.

To the Mint U.S. at Philada (Dr.

For this sum overpaid for transportation of 105.402.67 standard ounces Silver Bullion from the U.S. Assay Office at New York to the Mint of the U.S. at Philada on the 24th November 1875 - the same having been erroneously valued (as per New York Invoice) @ $131.138.63 and paid for as per your bill of Novr. 30. 1875 - instead of @ 116.986.42

the actual value to the U.S. Difference $14.152.21

at the rate of $1.00 per M including fraction as per Contract — — — — $15 —

Jany 8th 6

Sir.

The balances due from Appropriations for this Mint for 1876, as stated in yours of yesterday correspond with the books of the Mint, exclusive of the amount required for the current month, the draft therefor not being received at this writing.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8th 6

Sir.

Please draw your Trans-fer Order for Eighteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy Three (18.873) Dollars to reimburse you for Minor Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund and reissued.

Very Respectfully

Jas Collord
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of December 28th. I herewith forward a statement showing the number of pieces and value of each denomination of Gold and Silver coins reserved at this Mint during the year 1875, for the annual assay.

Very Respectfully

E. Jas. Elliott

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending January 8th 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 8 6

Sir, Gentlemen,

Your letter of the 6th inst. has been received.

As a matter of accommodation the Mint sometimes makes assays of ores when it does not interfere with our regular duties, but only to ascertain if they contain gold or silver. We do not examine for other metals, and the charge is $5. in each case, to cover the cost of the assay. At the present time our assayer could not analyze your ores, on account of the pressure of his regular duties. But Messrs. Booth & Garrett, Chaut St. or Prof. Genth of the University of Penna. this city can do it for you, if you send either of them half a pound of

of the one.

Very Respectfully
Thos. Sherrett
Supt

G. T. Lockard, Esq
Meyersdale
Pa

Jany 10th 6

Sir:

I enclose herewith Transfer Order No. 3275 (cancelled) for $200 which should have been enclosed with my Transcript of your a/c. for the period ended the 8th inst.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Polloch
Supt.

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
&c.

Jany 10 6

Sir

I herewith forward statement of Deliveries and Assay Coins received for the quarter ending December 31. 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 10 6

Sir

Yours of the 4th inst enclosing a sample of ord for examination, has been received.

It proves to be only limestone with a little mica and of no value.

Very Respty

J. W. Foster
Supt

P. Salisbury Esq
Mineral Springs. P.O.
Adams. Co
Ohio

Jany 10 6

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst in relation to the price of medals and the manufacture of private dies by Messrs. Soley, and Barber and Son, has been received.

As regards the cost of the various public medals, and medals struck for societies and individuals, I believe from frequent and careful estimates, the price fixed, is as nearly in accordance with the rule you state, and upon which we base our calculations, as possible. The cost or price depends, to some extent upon the quantity or number ordered, and this we consider in the calculation. Our prices have generally been fixed by me, with the approval

of the Director, as the 8th rule relating to medals requires. I will however, so soon as possible, reexamine the prices as you suggest and modify the same according to the fact.

I also carefully examined the allegations in reference to the machine made by Mr Soley after the pattern of the Hill Engraving machine. The facts are these. Mr Soley invented, and made for himself a small machine for preparing medal dies, which is not after the pattern of the Hill Engraving machine, and does not infringe on said patent. Mr Soleys machine is ingenious, so small that it can be carried with ease under the arm. and he assures me the design is his own, and no part of the patent of the Hill machine has been infringed.

He has made but few dies himself, and none in the Mint, all at his own house, and out of Mint hours, The Hill Engraving machine has not been used by him or Mr Barber in the manufacture of private medal dies, I may say here, that this machine is and has been for some years, under the control of the Engraver in subordination to myself, and no original dies are or shall be prepared thereon without the sanction of your office. My orders, in accordance with law and regulations, to the Engraver, Soley and all others are imperative, that no dies or work for private parties are to be made in the Mint; neither during working hours or on Mint machinery.

I have also examined into the allegations against Mr Barber & Son,

4

Mr. Carbin has made a number of dies for outside parties, but as I have already said, he has not used the Hill Engraving machine to aid him in their manufacture, he, or his son, may have, in a leisure hour, worked at some of his dies in the Hill Engraving Machine hours, but this he assures me has not often occurred. I have peremptorily ordered a discontinuance of the practice, first last and all the time. The great trouble, as you suggest and as charged by outside parties, is that he has in his possession the old engraving machine which was superceded by the Hill Engraving machine, and uses this, with improvements made by himself in preparing dies. It was removed to his rooms in 1867 or 8, or about that time. I have no knowledge of the

circumstances or terms under which it was removed. This machine, however, still belongs to the Mint, and I have directed him to return it at once, as suggested in your letter, or purchase the same, as he should do, if retained by him. He says he will make an offer for it. As to the mode of selling it whether by addressing letters to Artists, and inviting bids, or taking the offer he may make, will be submitted to you for your action. If the sale of the machine is not advisable it should be returned and retained here. There is the usual jealousy prevailing among Artists, and I believe that the charges made by outside parties against Messrs. Barber and Soley, are, as you say, greatly exaggerated.

So far as I am able to enforce

the rules all cause of complaint shall at once be removed. The orders have been given, and will be obeyed.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Loewel
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

Jany 11 6

Sir

Yours of the 7th inst has been received.

The Mint does not pay a premium on old cents, or any other coin. Rare coins bring good prices among coin dealers and collectors. You should apply to them for information on that point. The first small cents were coined in 1857. although a few pattern cents were struck in 1850.

Very Respty
J. H. Pollock
Supt

Mr. J. H. Keeler.
Jackson
Mich.

January 11. 6

Sir,

Your postal card of the 7th inst. (post marked the 10th) has been received. A small amount of U.S. Quarter pieces was struck in 1820, but no record was kept of them, and I am unable to state the exact number.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mr J. E. Bookstaver

New Brunswick

N.J.

Jany 11th 6

Sir.

Herewith I hand you a Statement of Copper used by the Melter & Refiner, for the 4th Quarter 1875 –.

	ozs.	$
Balance on hand Oct. 1st –	88.360.41.	1.398.99
Amount purchased	160.416.67.	2.557.50
	248.777.08	3.956.49
Amount used for Alloying	127.079.10	2.021.06
Balance on hand Dec. 31 –	121.697.98	1.935.43

Very Respectfully Yours
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 11 6

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 6th inst transmitting for examination three nickel five cent pieces, received by the Secretary of the Treasury from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New York.

I believed them, upon inspection, to be counterfeit, and upon submitting them to our Engraver, Engraver and Mr Knight of the Bank Redemption office, separately, they each pronounced them, at sight, to be spurious. Mr DuBois has made a written report upon the subject, which I herewith enclose for your consideration. I concur in the views which

he

he expresses. The manufacture of these spurious coins has become an annoyance, and every possible means should be used to prevent it.

I herewith return the pieces, together with the letter of Mr. Hillhouse to Secretary Bristow.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 12 6

Sir

The usual arrangements will be made for the annual assay on the 9th of February next as requested in your letter of the 11th inst.

The presence of Superintendents LaGrange, Crawford and Acton on that occasion will be useful to them and agreeable to me.

Shall I make arrangements to have an assay medal struck? If so advise me as to the number and metal, at your early convenience, as the time is short

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
(H. P. Underman)
Director of the Mint
Washington

Jany 12 6

Hon. H R Linderman
Director &c. &c.

Sir

The Assayer has ready to hand over, the equivalent of samples of silver containing gold, from the Assay Office at New York; also the same from the Mint at San Francisco; and desires to know what disposition to make of them.

(Very resp.
your obt servant
J. A. Pollock
Supt.

Jany 13 6

Gentlemen.

Please advise me in the morning at what price you can furnish five (5) tons of your best Zinc, for immediate delivery.

Very Respty
J. W. Powell
Supt

Messrs.
N. Trotter & Co.
No. 36 Front St
Phila

Jany 14 6

Sir.

Yours of the 10th inst has been recd.

There are no vacancies at present in the Mint with a large numbers of applications on file, and therefore regret to inform you that it is not in my power to comply with your request.

Very Respty
[illegible]
Supt

Mr.
John M. Bentz
Carlisle
Pa

Jany 14 6

Sir

There is a great demand for your last annual report and the small supply you sent me is exhausted.

I can make a judicious use of twenty or twenty five additional copies, if you can spare them, and shall be glad to have them forwarded to me at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 14 6

Sir

I herewith forward for your information a copy of a report made to me by Wm G. Pike, Inspector for the "Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company", of the examination which he made of the Boilers in the Mint. His report is very satisfactory, and accords with the judgment of our Engineer Mr. Kilpatrick, except as to the recommendation in Mr. Pikes postscript. We believe the "Globe valves" to be better than "Plug cocks" for the purpose indicated.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Wm. H. R. Lindenman.
Director of the Mint

Jany 14 6

Sir

In pursuance of instructions from the Director of the Mint under date of the 10th inst. I forward you to day by the Adams Express Co, a package containing the remnants of samples of silver containing gold, sent here from your office last month for assay. Also, in an envelope, the equivalent for so much as was used in assay, thus squaring the account.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Thos. C Acton, Esq
Supt U. S. Assay Office
New York.

Jany 14 6

Gentlemen.

By order of the Director of the Mint you will please forward immediately to the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, by fast freight line, five (5) tons of your best Lehigh Zinc, at a price not exceeding twelve (12) cents per pound, the rate reported by you this morning; and make out duplicate bills against that Mint for the amount to be forwarded by me to the Treas Dept Washington, for payment. You will also at the same time furnish me duplicate bills of lading

Very Respty

J. W. Pollock
Supt.

Messrs.
N. Trotter & Co.
36 N. Front St. Phila

Jany 15 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward. boiners Weekly Report of boinage executed at this Mint for week ending January 15th 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 15 6

Miss P. Dyer
Washington
D.C.

The specimen of gold enclosed in your letter of the 14th inst. was found to be worth $2 and herewith enclose you that amount in gold. viz. two $1 gold pieces.

Yours truly
J. Jas. Dyer
Supt

Janᵍ 15th 6

Sir.

In reply to yours of yesterday I have to inform you that the amount of Silver Bullion on hand December 31st 1875 and belonging to the U. S. mint, approximately, is 30.000 Standard ounces.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Jany 15 6

Sir

I have to day received by mail three boxes of annual assay coins from your Mint for the 4th Quarter, 1875. together with your letter of the 8th inst explaining their condition

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

James Crawford. Esq
Supt U. S. Mint
Carson
Nev

Jany 17. 1876

Hon. R. E. Linderman.
Director &c &c.

Sir.

The pale doubloon sent by you proved by assay to be counterfeit. The weight was 408½ grains containing gold 640 thous. silver 200. copper 90.

Value of the gold $11.20
" " silver 0.25
$11.50

Herewith sent as directed

Very Respectfully.

[illegible]
Supt

Jany 17 6

Sir

The copper-nickel five cent piece enclosed in your letter of the 15th inst. proves upon examination to be genuine, and is herewith returned in compliance with your request.

Very Respectfully

Jas. C. Dobbs

Supt

Thos Hillhouse Esq
Asst Treas U. S.
New York.

Carrow — Cancelled

Jany 17 6

Sir

I have this day forwarded to the Treasurer U. S. Washington, D. C. by the Adams Express, one thousand Dollars, in return for your coin transfer check for minor coins No. 2041. on the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia for $1,000.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon. A. U. Wyman.
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 17th 6

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 15th inst. I have this day for=
=warded to the Treasurer U.S. Washington, D.C. by the Adams Express, One thousand gold Dollars, in return for your coin transfer check No 20441. on the Asst Treasurer at Philadelphia for $1000.00

Very Respectfully
Jas. Polyock
Supt.

Hon: A. U. Wyman
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 18 6

Sir

In compliance with your directions of the 12th inst five (5) tons best Lehigh Zinc, selected in consultation with our Melter & Refiner, were forwarded to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at San Francisco, on the 15th inst, by fast freight line, by Messrs. N. Trotter & Co. of this City.

The bill in duplicate, and duplicate bill of lading will be forwarded to you in a day or two.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Jany 18 6

Sir

The box of annual assay coins from your Mint for the 4th Quarter, 1875, specified in your letter of the 8th inst. was received this morning.

Very Respectfully

J. G. Pollock

Supt

O. H. LaGrange, Esq
Supt Mint U. S.
San Francisco
Cal

Jany 18 6

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. referring to voucher No. 502. of Ordinary Expenditure account for December 1855, and the price for washing towels therein, has been received.

We have been paying for many years past for washing and ironing the towels (at least a yard in length) used by the Superintendent, Operative officers and Clerks, 7 cts per dozen, and nothing for those used by the workmen in the Melters & Refiners Department, and others, these parties washing their own towels.

I have made inquiry among the laundresses as to the price of washing towels - the result has

been some ask 80 cts - others 75 cts - 60 cts - 50 cts and 40 cts per doz. - As this matter has been brought to my attention, I propose, in the interest of reform, to pay the lowest sum named - 40 cts - per dozen, a price certainly low enough for the labor performed.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Berry
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 18 6

Sir

I have received, yesterday and to day, by mail, five packages, containing twenty five copies of your annual report for 1875. They will be serviceable.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Janᵧ 19th 6

Sir.

Herewith please find Receipts of Messrs Drexel & Co. for $426.921 14/100 Gold Coin, Paid them for $374.985.63 Std ounces Silver Bullion Purchased.

Also my Warrant to the Melter and Refiner for 1% Stage allowed Mine for loss by working Minor Coinage Metals, and Credited in the Bullion Dep's for the 2d Quarter 1875. all per request Contained in yours of yesterday.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Postell
Supt

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 19 6

Sir.

Two of the minerals you sent, are quartz crystals; the other two are an opaque quartz, called hornstone; very hard. Neither is of any value.

We know nothing of the two men you speak of, or their ores.

Yours &c.

[illegible]

Supt.

Mr W Clay Lutz
Bedford Pa

January 29th 1864

Sir:

The Melter & Refiner informs me that we are out of the stock of Copper purchased a few weeks since. From the orders received for Bronze One Cent Coins, we should have another supply of at least two thousand (2000) pounds but copper, and I request authority to advertise for proposals to furnish that amount, under the 29th section of the Coinage Act of 1873

Very Respectfully

J. P. Kennedy

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington, D.C.

Jany 20 6

Sir

I herewith return the redeemed minor coins, enclosed in your letter of the 19th inst. divided into two classes, one enveloped marked No. 1. and the other No. 2.

The coins in No. 1. are so reduced in weight by punching and clipping, that if presented here we should throw them out and not redeem them.

The lettered coins in No. 2. retain enough of the coined impression to enable them to be identified, and are therefore redeemable. The punched pieces in No 2. do not seem to have any of the metal taken out, but

merely displaced, and we have therefore been in the habit of redeeming them, when there are only a few pieces in a lot.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Cornell

Supt

Thos. Hillhouse Esq
Asst Treas. U. S.
New York.

Jany 20 6

Sir

I herewith forward to your office for payment the approved receipted bill in duplicate, of Messrs. N. Trotter & Co. for $1,346.64. for 11.222 lbs Lehigh Zinc, forwarded to the Mint at San-Francisco, on the 15th inst in compliance with your instructions of the 12th inst.

I also forward the bill of lading in duplicate, as requested in your letter.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 20 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward, Gold Workings, and Silver Workings in the Coiners Department during the month of December 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 20 6

Sir

Your letter of the 18th inst. was duly received, and on same day we received from the Adams Express Co. the burnt silver coin referred to in your communication.

The value as ascertained by our Assayer is $5.60. I send herewith a copy of his report. Also this day by Express the sum of $5.60 in silver coin.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Powell
Supt

Hon.
A. U. Wyman.
Asst Treasurer. U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Sany 20 6

Gentlemen

The sample of ore in powder, received from you on the 5th inst. contains silver, twenty four ounces per ton. Say $30. in trade dols. Gold, only a trace.

Mint Charge, $5 cum. received.

Respy yours

Jas Pollock
Supt

Messrs Gillis & Clark
Silver City
New Mexico

Jany 21 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward, for the Secretary of the Treasury, C/D of this date in my favor, No. 2841. from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, for $1,591.97 coin, on account of coinage charges.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollard
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dany 20 6

Sir

Mrs. M. V. Johnson, adjuster in the Coiners Department, at $1.75 per diem, resigned her position December 31. 1875. to take effect January 1. 1876. and her name has been dropped from the rolls accordingly.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 21 6

The Cashier

Will please deliver to the Melter & Refiner for melting and Recoinage (from the Minor Coin Redemption Fund) Twenty Two Hundred and Five 24/100 (2205 24/100) Dollars, in two cent Bronze coin, also One Hundred and Seventy 53/100 (170 53/100) Dollars in Mutilated one cent Bronze coin, in all $2375 76/100 as per the following authority. Letter & telegram of the Director April 21st 1870

Do Do Jany 25th 1874

Do Secretary Oct. 29th 1874

Do Director Dec. 11th 1875

Respectfully

J. A. Powell

Supt.

Jany 28 1

Messrs Spencer, Crocker & Co.
Gentn

The Gold leaf sent by you is 998.0 thousandths fine; value per ounce troy, $20.64 in gold coin.

Please send by return mail the Mint charge for assay, one dollar currency.

Yours resp'y

[illegible]
Supdt

Jany 22 6

Sir

Inclosed I forward by
No. 91. in duplicate, in your
favor, from the Asst Treas-
urer U. S. at Philadelphia for
$60.00. coin, the net proceeds
of the receipts of $60.50 light
gold coin, forwarded by you
to the Mint for such purpose,
on the 17th of January, incl
also endorsed Mint Memo-
randum No. 92.

Very Respectfully

Jas. C. Abbott Esq
Coll of Customs.
Wilmington
N. C.

Jany 22 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending January 22. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Obsn.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 11 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward

1. Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of December 1875.
2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production deposited during December 1875.
3. Statement of Bars manufactured during December 1875.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 22 6

Sir

Your Telegraphic order of this date for thirty six thousand and reverse dies "for the Mint at San Francisco, will be filled by our Engraver at the earliest practicable moment, say the middle of next week, the 27th inst.

As your Telegram is ambiguous, eighteen thousand and eighteen reverse dies will be prepared, and if double that number is intended, you can advise me by return mail.

I forwarded a full set of dies for 1876, to the Mint at San Francisco on the 29th of December last, including

twenty four obverse and twenty four reverse dime dies.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

January 22 1

Sir

The ore sent by you consists chiefly of oxide of iron, with silex.

It has been assayed for silver, and contains none.

Mint Charge, $5.- received.

Yours resp'y

Jas. Pollock

Sup'dt

Mr. Amos E. Finegan
Meyersdale
Somerset Co Pa

January 22 1

Sir,

The mineral sent by you is an inferior iron ore, with some shining specks of pyrites, which you mistook for silver. It contains no silver, and is of no value.

It is of no use to look for silver mines in this State. None have ever been found, & it is not the formation to expect it.

Mint charge $5. received.

Yours &c

J. A. Collins
Supt.

W. H. Wheeler,
Elk Rick Ro.

Jan'y 22d 6

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for the Sum of Twenty three hundred and Seventy five 76/100 (2.375.76) Dollars, to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Minor Coinage Redemption Fund for re-coinage.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jno C. New
Treasurer U.S.
Washington
D.C.

Jany 24 6

Sir

I have appointed John A. Griers Assistant Engineer in the general department of this Mint at $4.00 per diem. to take effect February 1. 1876. and submit the same for your approval under the 4th section of the Coinage Act of 1873. Mr Griers qualifications and experience, make this an exceptionally good appointment and one that will be specially serviceable to the Mint at this time.

Very Respectfully

A. Loud

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Jany 27 6

Sir

Referring to your order of the 22d inst, received this morning, for

36 Obverse dime dies,
36 Reverse " "

for the Mint at San Francisco, I have this day forwarded to that Mint by Express, six (6) obverses, and twelve (12) reverse dime dies, as per the enclosed duplicate receipt Director Linderman, who is here has notified Supt La Grange of that fact by telegraph.

The balance of the order will be forwarded by Thursday of this week.

M. V. Davis. by
Acting Director Mint
Washington.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Aug 6

Dear Sir

Referring to your letter of the 17th inst I have to day submitted for your approval in another communication, the appointment of Mr John A Price as Assistant Engineer with a view to reform in that department of the Mint and the establishment of rules and regulations for all the Mints.

Mr. Price is a gentleman of character and education whom I have known many years, and whose services I am fortunate in securing only through the general depression in business. He served for six years as Engineer in the U. S. Navy, having been third Engineer of the "Powhatan" until after the close of the war;

when he resigned to go into business on shore. The discipline of the Government service, his long experience there, and the high qualifications required in the Navy, peculiarly fit him in every respect for the special service we need at his hands, at this time. This appointment will place him in the line of promotion, and he so understands it. In due time I shall be able to make such a readjustment of our longmeeting service, as will put the right men in the right place, and assure the smooth, efficient and satisfactory working of that branch of our Mint service.

As soon as convenient, after Mr Grier takes his position, I will in consultation with him, prepare a set of Rules and Regulations

for the government of Mint Engineers, and submit them for your consideration.

Yours truly

Jas. Pettrel

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
Dc.

Jany 25 6

Sir

Your postal card has been received.

The cents of 1857-8 are worth no more than those of any other year, the report you refer to not having any foundation in fact.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Mr
Bayly Murphy
106 Curtis St
Chicago

Jany 25 6

Sir

The Certificates of Gold Deposits Nos 1052 and 1058, with signature of the Assayer omitted, enclosed in your letter of the 24th inst. are herewith returned with that officers signature attached.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

M. W. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 25 6

Sir

The ore sent by you needs no assay, and I therefore return your money.

It is a rich oxide of iron, but not fit for making iron on account of the abundance of sulphur in it, in the form of pyrites. I enclose a small piece which will show you what I mean. The brown part is the oxide of iron, the white part is the pyrites, which looks somewhat like silver. The ore is of no value.

Yours &c.

Jas Pond
Supt.

Mr R. Bennett
Bentonville
Arkansas

Jany 25 6

Sir

I herewith forward our Melter & Refiners Statements of Bullion Operations, and Silver Melting for the month of December 1875 together with his accompanying letter of explanation.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Obon.
Ch. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 26 6

Dear Sir

Your appointment as Assistant Engineer in the Mint, at $4.50 per diem from February 1st, has been approved by the Director of the Mint. You will therefore please subscribe to the enclosed Oath of Office, before a Justice of the Peace, Alderman, or Judge, as may be most convenient, and send it to me by mail, or bring it with you on the morning of February 1st

Yours truly
J. R. Pollock
Supt.

Mr John A. Grier
Mount Joy
Pa

Jany 26 6

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst enclosing two samples of ord for examination, has been recvd.

The small piece is iron pyrites (iron ord) of no value. The large piece is iron ord with pyrites, of little value, would not pay to ank.

Very Respty

[illegible]

Supt

Mr. G. B. Skinner.
Wayne bo
Demascus, Pa

Jany 26 6

Sir

Your letter of the 28th of December last, was twenty eight cents in minor coins, viz 4 pieces of 5 cts, 1 of 3 ct and 5 of 1 cent coins, has been recd. The Mint does not redeem minor coins in less sums than twenty dollars, As a matter of private accommodation we enclose 25 cts currency, retaining 3 cts for postage on this letter, making a total of 28 cts the amount sent.

Very Respt
James Pollock
Supt

per N.W.
Supt Clk

Mr. J Barry.
310 Lexington St
Baltimore
Md

Jany 27th 6

Sir:

In reply to your letter of yesterday requesting me to forward my Warrants authorizing my Profit & Loss a/cs. to be debited with the loss on sweeps sold, I have to inform you that as these sweeps were already in my hands at the time of sale, I can see no way to authorize myself to credit myself and charge the Loss a/cs with their loss. Any form that you suggest will be adopted, but it seems unnecessary to use such a document.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. A. Pollock
Sup't

M. V. Davis Esq.
Acting Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

Jany 27 6

Sir

Our Melter & Refiner notifies me to day that "we shall be out of silver within three days, and he will be glad to receive more for coinage. If we are likely to receive more unparted bars, I would be glad to know when we may expect them". Please advise me.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 27 6

Sir

In reply to my authorized advertisement of the 24th inst for proposals to supply us with ten thousand (10000) pounds copper for minor coinage, a copy of which is hereto attached, I have to day received two proposals which I herewith submit for your consideration, as follows.

1. Pope Cole & Co. Balto. Md. 23 cts per lb.
2. N. Trotter & Co Phila. 23½ " "

The former is the lowest and best bid, the copper offered being equal to the best Lake, and is preferred by our Metter & Refiner, and will be accepted if it meets with your approval.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

Jany 28 6

Sir

I herewith forward the official oath of John A. Grier, assistant Engineer in the general department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 28 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 26th inst the Assayer does not report on purchases in the same way as in ordinary deposits. He reports to me informally; and his results, in the case of Bars received from the Mint U. S. at Carson City, during the third quarter of 1875. You will find, along with all the other figures essential to the transactions, in the detailed statement and full report which I forwarded on the 13th of October last. That report covers and includes in full, all that you now request.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

M. V. Davis Esq
Acting Director Mint

Jany 29th 6

Sir.

I enclose herewith Warrants to meet the entries for the Classes by the Sale of Sweeps credited in my a/c's for the 3d Quarter 1875.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon H R Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 29 6

Sir

Referring you to the enclosed circular, I herewith return your government voucher, in duplicate, of the 20th inst. for $1.100, which you have erroneously sent me in payment of your order of the same date for that amount in 3¢ and 1¢ minor coins.

The coins will be forwarded to you as soon as practicable after you remit the amount in currency, or by sight draft on Phila or New York, payable to my order.

Very Respectfully
Jas Ogden
Supt

E. A. Spalding, Esq
Wilkesbarre.
Pa

Jany 29 6

Gentlemen

Your proposal, under date of the 26th inst, to supply to this Mint ten thousand (10.000) pounds boppers of the best commercial quality, @ twenty three (23) cents per pound, delivered at the Mint free of expense, as per advertisement, and your proposal, has been approved and accepted, you being the lowest bidder, and you will please deliver the metal accordingly at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs.
Pope, Cole & Co
Baltimore
Md

Jany 29 6

Sir

I enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending January 29. 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 1876

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for January 1876.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
W. A. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 29th inst. just received, I have to state, that your schedule of stationery under date of December 31. 1875, has not been signed and returned to you, for the reason that "2 dozen time books" embraced in the list, and which you stated in a foot note, "would be sent by mail soon as received from printer" have not yet come to hand, and I was not authorized to strike out that item, and sign the receipt for the remainder.

All the other articles specified were duly received.

H. L. Sturtevant by
Chief Div. Stationery &c.
Treas Dept. Washington.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock Supt

Jany 31 6

Sir

I have increased the compensation of Lewis C. Leidy, bounter in the cashiers office, from $3,00 to $4,00 per diem, to date from to morrow February 1st and submit the same for your approval.

Mr. Cobb informs me that he is punctual, reliable, quick of apprehension, and perfectly accurate in the discharge of the complicated and responsible and often annoying duties of his position.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Ewing
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

January 6

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the teachers of the Mint with the following result

Gold	$1,405,670.00
Silver	652,129.66
Ordinary Do	17,920.25
Minor Coinage Do	99,296.48
Minor Coins Exchanged	3,849.00
" " Received	10,600.00
" Coinage Redemption	18,141.57
	$2,207,610.25

which corresponds with his books.

I also made examination into the general conditions and operations of the Mint and the

Institution was found to be
in good working order, and
its business conducted in a
careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 6

Sir

I herewith forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $32,400. for the service of this Mint for the month of February 1876. out of the following appropriations.

Salaries	$3,400
Wages	21.000
Incidentals	8.000
	$32.400

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Moel

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 31 6

Sir

On Saturday the 29th inst. I forwarded to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco by the Adams Express Co. as per the enclosed duplicate receipt a sealed box containing thirty (30) obverse, and twenty four (24) Reverse, dime dies for that Mint, being the balance of your order of the 22d inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1 6

Sir

I learn from the Captain of our Night Watch, that the muskets in use are in good order, but that the pistols, which are the best and most available weapons for instant personal defence, are not in a serviceable condition except one, and their places should be supplied by such as are fit for use.

It occurs to me that a new set of Navy revolvers, or others equal to them, and of the latest improved pattern, say one dozen, could perhaps be supplied to the Mint from the U. S. Armories, thus giving us the best arms for the Centennial season,

without any additional expense to the Government. Will you please ascertain if this can be done, and let me know.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1 6

Sir

I have this morning received and referred to our Engraver, the criticisms of Mr. A. J. Dallas, of Omaha, of the badge engraved for the Mexican War Volunteers, and herewith enclose a copy of Mr. Carter's very convincing reply. In preparing the dies for the proposed badge, the only copy the Engraver had to guide him was the printed design on the cover of the pamphlet issued by the Association in 1870 and that he carefully followed, but improved upon it. The dies have been hardened as you ordered, but fortunately we have not yet begun to strike the badge. If now

the Association requires dies to be prepared of a different character, it can be done, if the model be furnished, but it will involve additional expense, and very considerable loss of time. Shall we strike the badges?

I herewith return Mr. Dallas' letter, and the two pencil drawings, and await your instructions.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt.

Dr.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1 6

Sir

We are entirely out of blanks for Weekly reports by the Register of deposits to the Superintendent of Silver deposits melted, and will soon be out of blanks for Weekly reports of Gold deposits melted. Samples of these blanks were forwarded with my requisition for stationery for the current six months, but up to this date we have not received a supply of blanks in return.

Will you please ascertain how soon we may expect them. If they cannot be had immediately will you advise me whether I am at liberty to have a few

printed here for temporary use.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Reissued and Exchanged during the month of January 1876.

Also for the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations for the month of January 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Obsw.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 1 6

Sir

The blanks heretofore furnished from your office for my monthly reports of minor coins, redeemed, reissued and exchanged, and exhausted

I will thank you to forward another supply at your early convenience.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 2 6

Sir

You will please prepare and forward immediately to the U. S. Mint at Carson Nev. by Express, eighteen (18) reverse and six (6) obverse dime dies <u>without</u> <u>tempering</u>.

Very Respty

J. A. Pascal

Supt.

Wm Barber. Esq
Engraver

Feby 2 6

Sir

Your letter of the 29th of Jany last has been recd.

The Mint does not keep coins for sale, except proof sets of the current year. as you will see by the enclosed Medal circular. You should apply to Coin dealers and collectors for any old coins you may wish. I enclose card of a dealer in this city.

Very Respectfully

Jas. P. Moore
Supt

Mr. A. P. Anderson.
21 W. Kinzie St
Chicago
Ill

~~Jany~~ Feby 6

Sir

Your letter of Jany 31. st has been recd.

The silver 3 ¢ pieces are 3/4 silver and 1/4 copper, and are a legal tender to the amount of thirty cents, in one payment. They are not redeemable, and if sent to the Mint as bullion for recoinage, I could not receive them in a less amount than $100. and it would result in a loss to you, all other U. S. Silver coins being 9/10th silver, and 1/10 alloy.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Mr
Chas A. Rice.
Chelsea
Mass

Feby 2 6

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst has been recd

U. S. half dollars were coined in 1794.

$28.144 half dollars were coined in 1795, and have been sold at auction as low as 60 cts. and as high as $18.00

Very Respty

[illegible]

Supt

Mr

S. B. Macquade.

Hazleton

Pa

Feby 2 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the Jany 21. st I herewith forward a communication from the boiner under date of January 31 st in explanation of the loss and gain in the working of silver bullion for the month of December last

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ridgely

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 2d 6

Sir.

As requested in your's of yesterday, I enclose herewith a Statement of the amount of Gold Coin, Gold Bullion, Silver Coin and Silver Bullion composing the United States Bullion Fund of this Mint at the close of business on the 25th day of January 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Feby 2 6

Sir

I learn to day from the Cashier and Asst Assayer. that on the 19th of February 1876, only thirty (30) quarter dollars were reserved for the annual assay, instead of forty (40) as erroneously stated in the quarterly report forwarded to you.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 3 6

Sir

The bill of exchange for $500, enclosed in your letter of the 1st inst, is herewith returned as the Mint does not keep pure silver for sale, and it is therefore not in my power to fill your order.

If you will send me silver bullion, I will have it converted into fine silver bars for you, on the terms of the enclosed circular. Otherwise your application should be made to dealers in the precious metals.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Fred Blauer.
Chicago.

Feby 3 6

Sir

I herewith forward for the Secretary of the Treasury, b/d of this date No. 2850, for $126.660 00 silver coin, balance of silver profits to December 31. 1875. and will thank you to forward it to its destination.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 3 6

Sir

I have this morning received the minor coinage and silver deposit blanks, referred to in your letter of the 2d inst.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Lindeman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 9 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of December 16. 1875, I herewith transmit report of old material sold during the six months ending December 31. 1875.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 3d 6

Sir.

Pursuant to instructions from you under date of December 16th 1875, I hand you herewith Statements of the balance of Silver Profits, Coinage Charges, Parting &c Charges, and Minor Coinage Profits due the U.S. at the close of business on December 31st 1875. The several balances have been paid into the U.S. Treasury.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Supt

Hon H.R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 3 6

Sir

John W. Henry, Night Watchman, General Department @ $2.85 per diem, resigned his position on the 2d. of February inst. and his name has been dropped from our rolls.

I have appointed Benaiah Jones (now in the gold and silver melting room) Night Watchman in the general department at $2.85 per diem, to date from approval, and submit the same for your consideration, under the Coinage Act. The Melter & Refiners nomination of Mr. Jones, is herewith enclosed.

Hon. H. R. Linderman, Very Respectfully
Director of the Mint. J. W. Dowell
Supt.

Feb. 9. 6

Sir,

I herewith enclose C/D of this date, No. 2851, for $1175.74 Gold coin, balance of parting charges to Dec. 31. 1875, and will thank you to forward it to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Lloyd
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 3 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 2d inst directing 2000 medal badges to be struck from the Mexican War Veterans Association who want them by Saturday or Monday next, I have to state, after consultation with the Coiner, that with our present force and facilities we cannot get out more than fifty of these badges per day. These medals have to be cut out from a rolled strip of copper, then annealed and struck, annealed again, and again struck, and finally cut out again, all this before bronzing.

To expedite this order I

propose to temporarily assign two additional men to this work, which will enable us by steady working to get out probably one hundred per day, and this would take a month to fill the order exclusive of other orders for medals which are before it, and must take precedence according to date.

We will do the best we can.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 4 6

Sir

January 31st ult, I mailed you "Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed for January 1876." and in compliance with your request of the 3d inst I herewith forward duplicate of the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Febry 4th 76

Sir.

I transmit herewith my a/c. of Ordinary Expenses for the month of January 1876.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt.

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint,
Washington
D.C.

Feby 4 6

Gentlemen.

The silver bullion mentioned in your letter of January 21st, as having been forwarded to the Mint to be converted into bars, has not yet come to hand.

Very Respectly

J. A. Rollins
Supt

Messrs.
Traub Bros
Detroit
Mich

St. Feby. 6

Dear

Manscript to your favor of Jan. 7th
therewith send duplicate statement
of sieve bullion received from U.S. Mint
Carson in 3rd quarter of 1876 statement
sent October 13th certified and countersigned
by the Assayer.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washingt

Feby 5 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of Jany 29. ultimo, I herewith enclose bill in your favor, of the 4th inst. No. 92. for $158.50 gold coin. the net proceeds of the recoinage of $155.50 light gold coin, forwarded to the Mint by you on the 29th ultimo, for that purpose. You will please send me a special acknowledgement of its receipt, as my voucher.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 124. in duplicate.

Very Respectfully

Jas Lowell
Supt

D. B. Cartter, Esq
Coll of Customs.
Rochester, N. Y.

Feby 5 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending February 5th 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 6

Sir

In a letter received from the Director of the Mint, under date of the 3d of February inst. he says amongst other things, that until further instructions you will confine the subsidiary silver coinage to dimes.

I submit these instructions for your information and guidance, until further notice.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Prof. J. C. Booth.
Melter & Refiner

Feby 5 6

Sir

In a letter received from the Director of the Mint, under date of the 3d of February, inst he amongst other things says, that "until further instructed you will confine the subsidiary silver coinage to dimes."

I submit these instructions for your information and guidance, until further notice.

Very Respectfully

Jas Polock

Supt

A. Louden Snowden, Esq
Coiner

Feby 7 6

Sir

Your letter of the 5th inst has been received.

The Mint does not keep coins for sale, except proof setts of the current year, as you will see by the enclosed circular. You should make your application to coin dealers or collectors. I enclose you a card of a coin dealer in this city.

Very Respty
Jas Pascoe
Supt

Mr.
Jas D. Cruise.
Renova
Pa

Feby 7 6

Sir

Your letter of the 2d inst has been recd to day.

The enclosed circular will explain the terms on which this Bank will receive deposits of gold and silver bullion, to be coined or made into fine bars. The Adams Express Co have an office and Agent in the Mint building for the convenience of distant depositors.

The returns will be made in coin or bars, as you may direct which your Agent will then remit to you by Express, or a Bank check by mail, as you may direct, but as you are not an official depositor, he cannot send you a draft on

on the Asst Treasurer U. S. at New Orleans. If you do not want the coin, the agent can sell it for currency and remit the proceeds by bank draft, if you so order

Very Respectfully
J. McPherson
Supt

A. Spiro, Esq
New Orleans
Ga

Feby 7 6

Sir

In compliance with the recommendation of gentlemen of high official standing, I have, upon the nomination of the Melter and Refiner, herewith enclosed, appointed Wm. Lockhart of Baltimore, Md. as Helper in the Gold and Silver melting rooms at $3.00 per diem, vice W. Jones, transferred to the Night Watch, and submit the same for your approval under the 4th Section of the Coinage Act.

This appointment to take effect from and after the 15th of February inst. Very Respectfully

Yours H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

J. W. Pollock
Supt

Feby 9 6

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the gold and silver melting rooms, Melter & Refiners Department, this Mint, at $3.00 per diem, to take effect February 15th, inst.

You will subscribe to the enclosed oath of allegiance before an Alderman, or other proper officer, and bring it with you when you report for duty on the above day.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr. Wm Lockhart
42 W Fayette St
Baltimore
Md

Feby 10 6

Sir

In pursuance of your instructions I have to day forwarded to the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, by the Adams Express Co. as per the enclosed receipt,

Six (6) obverse, and
Eighteen (18) Reverse.

dime dies, not hardened.

Very Respectfully

[signature]
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 11th 6

Sir:

I herewith enclose D/D in my favor No. 2860 for $25,000. on a/c of Minor Coinage profits which I will thank you to transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Superintendent

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Feby 12 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed for week ending Feby 11. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 11 6

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst has been recd.

The "Eagle" of 1795 is worth very little above its intrinsic value, not being very scarce. For more particular information you should apply to Coin Dealers. I enclose card of one in this City.

Very Respty

Jos. Bush

Supt

Mr.
Asa Horr.
Du Buque
Iowa

Feby 12th 6

Sir.

Please draw your Transfer Order for Eleven Thousand Five Hundred & Eighteen (11.518) Dollars to reimburse you for Coins withdrawn from the Redemption Fund & reissued.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Powell
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer of
Washington
D.C.

Feby 14 6

Sir

I enclose copy of a letter from our Assayer in regard to the ore sent here by you for analysis, from Mr. Leitch of Los Angeles. Cal. supposed to be nickel ore, stating that as the assay would be very tedious &c. and out of their line. he has requested this Board to undertake it in hand, which they have agreed to do.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
W. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Feby 14 6

Sir

Yours of the 11th inst has been received.

The error in the shipment was discovered before the receipt of your letter, and the balance, one hundred trade dollars, was forwarded by Express. Feby 12th inst

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell
Supt

John C. Hueber by
131 W. Fourth St.
Cincinnati
Ohio

Feby 14 6

Madam.

The first U. S. gold dollars were coined in 1849, but as the coinage records of that year are boxed up in the storage room I am unable to give you the month, and the day, of the first issue

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Mrs.
H. A. De Krogft.
Canandaigua
N. Y.

Feby 15. 1876.

The following Report of the Assayer of the N. Y. Assay Office, of the assay of test coins reserved at this Mint during the month of January 1876, for that purpose, has been handed to the Assayer, Melter & Refiner, and Coiner.

James Pollock
Supt.
per W. B. P. Supt. Clk

Denomination.	Weight		Fineness	
	Grs.	Dec.	Gold.	Silver
Double Eagle	515.	9	900.	9
Trade Dollar	419.	3	.1	899.9
Half do	193.	2	.1	899.9
Quarter Do	96.	5	.1	900.
Dime	38.	6	.1	899.8

Feby 15 6

Sir

I yesterday returned to the bullion fund of this Mint, the amount of gold and silver coins reserved for annual assay for the year 1875, and tested before the Assay Commission held here February 9th 10th and 11th 1876.

viz. Gold $6,200.00
Subsidiary Silver 2,698.99
Total $8,898.99

I also hold subject to order, the following amounts of gold and silver coins reserved for assay for the same year, at the San Francisco and Carson Mints, viz.

San Francisco Mint.

Gold $24.682.50

Trade Dollars $2.293.00

38 melted and supplied by subsidiary silver ——— 38.00

Total Trade Dollars $2.271.00

Subsidiary silver 1.455.10

Total silver 3,726.10 = 3.726.10

Total gold and silver from) $28.408.60

the annual assay.

In compliance with the instructions contained in your letter of January 10. 1876. the samples of Doré silver received from the Mint at San Francisco for special assay, have been retained in a separate parcel until yesterday, when, to ascertain their value in coin, I had them deposited and melted in my name as superintendent with the following results, as per the

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the enclosed Mint Memorandum No 31. in duplicate.

In Gold coin $19.26
" Subsidiary Silver " 32.09
Total. $51.35

making the aggregate amount due the Mint at San Francisco, as follows.

Gold Assay coins $24.682.50
" Samples 19.26
Total Gold $24.701.76

Silver Assay coins $3,726.10
" Samples 32.09
Total Silver $3.758.19

Total S. F. Gold and Silver $28.459.95

Carson Mint

Gold $2.605.00
Silver Trade Dollars $7.98
" Subsidiary coin 515.40 | 1.313.40
Total Carson Gold and Silver $3918.40

I have to request that you

will notify Superintendents
Lafrenge and Crawford to
draw on me at sight for the
above stated amounts and their
respective Mints.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 18 6

Sir

I herewith forward the official oath of Wm Lockhart, Helper in the Gold and Silver melting in the Melter & Refiners Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
Do.

Feby 16 6

Sir

Upon the nomination of the Coiner, herewith enclosed, I have appointed

William H. Kelly,
and Solias Leonard
as Cutters in the Coiners department of this Mint. at $3.00 per diem, each, and submit the same for your approval, under the 9th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873. These appointments to take effect on the 1st of March, 1876.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Feby 16 6

Sir

I herewith forward one Melter & Refiners Statement of Bullion operations, and Gold and Silver Melting for the month of January 1876. together with his accompanying explanation and analysis of his operations for that month. They are worthy of your special consideration, and show how desirable it is that we should receive only fine silver from the New York Assay office.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon.
W. P. Kinderman
Director of the Mint
Washington

Feby 16 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1st Statement of Deposits and Purchases of Gold and Silver Bullion during the month of January 1876.

2. Statement of Gold and Silver of Domestic Production. deposited during the month of January 1876.

3. Statement of Bars manufactured during the month of January. 1876.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Feby 17th 6

Sir.

I am in receipt of a communication from the Asst. Treas. U. S. at New York informing me that he has vault room for $100,000— in Sub Sy Silver Coin. I make the fact known to you, that if you see proper to utilize it, my vault room may be increased by a transfer from this Mint to that Office

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Pf. Please secure the above transfer as soon as practicable.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Febry 17th 6

Sir

I have this day recd your letter of the 15th inst, informing me that you have vault room for $100.000 in Subsy Silver Coin.

The matter has been referred to the Director of the Mint.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon. Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U. S.
New York

Feby 17 6

Sir

In compliance with your instructions of January 29th, I have to day forwarded to the U. S. Mint at Denver, by the Adams Express Co, as per enclosed receipt, three (8) pairs Assayers shears, which were made to my order, by Mr Horatio G. Kerr. No. 21. N. 6th St. Philadelphia. whose bill for the same $5.00. I have approved, and herewith forward to your office, in duplicate, for payment, as directed in your letter.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Feby 17 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Statements of Gold Workings, and Silver Workings in the Coiners Department during January 1876.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 17 1

Sir

The mineral sent by you for examination, is limestone of an inferior quality, with some shining specks of iron pyrites; and is of no value.

Respy yours

Jas Russell

Supdt.

Mr Stephen Hubbs
Graveston, Knox Co. Tenn.

Febry 17 6

Sir

Your mineral specimen is a crystallized limestone, with considerable iron pyrites, perhaps a little copper pyrites also, but not worth your attention.

Yours resp'y

J. A. Pennell

Supd't.

Mr R. Bennett
Bentonville, Arkansas

Feby 15 6

Sir

I duly received your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing copy of a report made to your office, under date of January 29th, by Mr. Frederick Eckfeldt, with regard to the defective coinage of Trade Dollars.

In compliance with your request I carefully examined his suggestions, in conjunction with the operating officers of the Mint, whose separate written opinions on the subject I herewith enclose for your information.

As I have heretofore stated to you, my own conviction is

is that the main cause of the difficulty is to be found in the character of the prescribed design for the Trade Dollar, which brings a strong relief on one side of the coin, opposite an equally strong relief on the other side.

Our Engraver is making new dies from reduced hubs, that I hope will obviate some of the difficulties heretofore encountered.

I should add here, that the objections made to the Trade Dollar turned out to be known to this Mint, and no application to this Mint, which, as you are aware, is proverbial for the artistic excellence of its coinage.

Very Respectfully

Hon. H. R. Linderman. Director of the Mint.

Feby 18 6

Sir

The Melter & Refiner informs me that a further supply of minor coinage metals is needed, and I therefore request authority to advertise under the 29th Section of the Coinage Act, for proposals to supply to the Mint, 20,000 lbs Copper, 2,500 lbs Zinc, and 1,000 lbs Tin. This will keep us in stock and save repeated advertising

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington

Telegram.

Feby 18th 6

To Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Weight and Assay of 48 Bars Silver from Nevada Bank Correct. Shall I pay ninety per cent of old dollar value, as Masters, cashier, demands. Such sum within purchase value by seven hundred dollars. Ready to settle on your reply.

J. W. Carroll
Supt

Feby 18 6

Sir

I herewith enclose a letter from our Assayer Mr Dubois, on the subject of supplying our Cabinet with the U.S. coinage of 1876, and other coins.

I concur fully in the views he expresses, and hope you will be able to furnish the means out of the special appropriation for the purchase of coins for the Mint Cabinet. & authorize the payment of such purchases out of the appropriation for incidentals for this Mint. If this course can be no serious objection; such purchases to be made

under your direction and approval.

Very Respectfully
Jas. B. Roch
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 19 6

Dear Sir

Your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing three medals, struck in commemoration of the golden wedding of your parents, and donating them to the Mint collection, has been received. They will be placed in the Mint Cabinet.

Please accept my thanks for the donation.

With my best wishes for the continued happiness of yourself and parents, I am

Very truly yours

J. A. Bleeck
Supt

Mr. Thos Warner.
Cohocton
N. Y.

Feby 19 6

Sir

Your letter of the 16th inst claiming a shortage of 90 cts in a remittance of nickel coin, has been received.

The full sum of $100. in nickels was sent to you from the Mint, and the error must be in your counting.

Our system of counting is mechanically and mathematically perfect, without the possibility of a mistake, and there is no room for mistake in our deliveries. Out of millions of pieces counted and shipped, we have never yet found a mistake, nor has there been any in this case on our part.

C. F. Hemenway. Esq.
Cash. Maline
Ill.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Powell
Supt

Feby. 19th 6

Sir

I have drawn upon you this day in favor of Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co. of your city, for the sum of Sixty one thousand seven hundred and ninety nine 61/100 Dollars, gold coin, being a payment on a/c. of purchase of Silver Bullion from the Nevada Bank - San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Powell
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

July 19th 6

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find my Check on the Asst. Treas. U.S. at New York, for the Sum of Sixty One Thousand Seven Hundred and ninety-nine 6/100 Dollars gold Coin, being a payment made on a/c of purchase of Silver Bullion from the Nevada Bank, San Francisco Cal, and which you will please place to the credit of the aforesaid Bank, returning an acknowledgement of receipt of Same to me.

Very Respectfully Yours

J. C. Ford
Supt. Mint U.S.
Philada

Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co-
New York

Feby 19 76

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for week ending February 19. 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon.
W. L. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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The assistant Treasurer
United States at New York.

Pay to the order of Eugene
Kelly & Co. New York, Sixty One
Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety
Nine 61/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, and
charge the same to my account.

(Signed) James Pollock
Superintendent
Mint U.S.
Phila

#61799. 61/100

a true Copy
L.A. Comptroller

Feby 19 6

Sir

I will thank you to send me several copies of Sect Secretary Conants circular of about a year ago (you enclosed a copy in your letter of Feby 12. 1875) limiting the traveling expenses of Government Officers and Employes, and requiring their bills to be sworn to. The only copy I had has disappeared, and I would like to have it replaced, and one also for the Cashier, and each of the operative officers.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Feby 21 6

Sir

You have been appointed Cutter in the Coiners Department of the Mint at $2.00 per diem, to take effect March 1st 1876, on which day you will report for duty to the Coiner.

You will subscribe to the inclosed oath before an Alderman, and bring it with you.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Mr Elias Leonard
Phila

Feby 21 6

Sir

You have been appointed Cutter in the Coiners Department of the Mint, @ $2 90 per diem, to take effect March 1st 1876. on which day you will report for duty to the Coiner.

You will subscribe to the enclosed oath before an Alderman, and bring it with you

Very Respty
J. A. Pollock
Supt

Mr Wm H. Holtz.
Phila

Febyr 6

Sir

Referring to your letters of the 8th and 16th of February inst I herewith enclose for your information, and that of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Memorandums in duplicate, of two lots of silver bullion received February 16th and 17th from that Bank in part of the 500,000 ozs purchased by you on government account

Allow me in this connection, to call your attention to the necessity of having the entire amount of this purchase delivered here in time to be included in the settlement of

my accounts for the current quarter, and urge the Bank to make early and large deliveries.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Lowell
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 23 6

Sir

Your letter of the 22d inst. has been received.

The Mint does not supply Centennial medals. They were got up by the Board of Centennial Commissioners, and can be procured by writing to their office, No. 904 Walnut St. this city. They are of bronze, silver, and gilt, and the price is $1. $2. $3. and $5. each, according to size and the metal of which they are made.

Very Respectfully

Yours

Prof.
Wm D. Cabell.
Norwood
Va

Febry 23d 6

Sir:

I have received yours of the 21st inst. returning my a/c current for correction as regards the Bullion Fund a/c.

It appears that the sum of $550.000, gold coin, has been transferred to the credit of the Supt. of the Mint at Philadelphia for a/c of Bullion Fund and deposited with the Asst Treas.r U. S. at New York for the purpose of purchasing Silver for the Subsidiary Coinage, and under the provisions of Sec. 27th Coinage Act 1873, these purchases must be made with the Bullion Fund. Now, when I receive from the Nevada Bank $65.052 22/100 in Silver Bars, I add such amount to the Silver in your Bullion Fund, and pay for it with a like amount of your aforesaid gold coin, which transaction does not deplete the amount of the Bullion Fund, but simply substitutes Silver for gold, under the aforesaid law.

The a/c current shows that the

Bullion Fund is increased by Gold coin
in the sum of $550.000.00
from which gold I pay 61.799.61
leaving $488,200.39
which is reimbursed by Silver 65,052.22
bringing your a/c back to $553,252,61
being an increase over the original sum deposited of $3252 61/100
which sum is a margin of safety, to be paid for on the final
delivery and assay of Bullion from the Nevada Bank.
I cannot see where the error lies, and very respectfully
submit the matter for your reconsideration.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Ellery
Superintendent.

Hon. A. U. Wyman
U. S. Asst. Treas't
Washington D.C.

Feby 23 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of Jany 19th ult. I herewith enclose C/D. in duplicate, of this date, No. 98. from the Asst Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia, for $29.15 coin, in the name of William Wells, Coll. of Customs, Burlington, on a/c of Duties on Imports, to the credit of the Treasurer U.S. the same being the nett proceeds of the recoinage of $30. light gold coin, transmitted in your letter for that purpose, and deposited in the name of Mr. Wells in accordance with your directions. I have to request that you send me a special acknowledgement

of the receipt of the b/d as my voucher.

I also enclose for your information Mint Memorandum No. 100 in duplicate.

This deposit should have been made and the certificate forwarded to you three weeks ago, but through the oversight of a subordinate it was neglected.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Edward P. Lee. Esq
Dep. Coll. of Customs.
Island Pond Custom House.

Vt

February 24. 76

Sir

The mineral sent by you is quite common — a combination of iron and sulphur, called pyrites, of no value.

Yours &c.

Jas. Blood
Supt.

Mr Chas McDonald
Ceres Allegheny Co
New York

Feby 24 6

Sir.

The five cent counterfeit sent by you, is different from the kind which has appeared lately, and is less likely to deceive.

It is not struck, but is a cast, from a matrix taken from a genuine coin. It is composed of lead and copper; the latter in small proportion, to harden it, and give a little sonority. There is no nickel. It is only 2 grains light.

Its falsity is most observable on the edge; the face being better, but of a leaden hue.

Yours respectfully

[illegible]

Supdt.

F. Haven Esqr.
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
Boston, Mass.

February 24 6

Genpa

We do not know of any body who would analyze "one hundred pounds of ore." If you will send half a pound, with five dollars, to Messrs. Booth & Garrett, chemists, Chant St. Philª., they will give as correct a returns of gold or silver as you could get from a hundred times as much.

Yours resp'g.

[illegible]

Messrs. Gm. Gamble & Son

Good Water

Ala

Feby 25th 66

Gentlemen

I enclose my Check No. 2. For Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Two 50/100 Dolls. Gold Coin, on the Asst. Treas. U.S. New York, being the second payment on a/c. of Silver Bullion purchased by the United States from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal. Be pleased to make acknowledgement thereof.

Very Respectfully Yours

Supt.

Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York.

Feby 25th 6

No. 2.

The Assistant Treasurer U.S.
at New York.

Pay to the order of Eugene
Kelly & Co. New York, Thirty Two
Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty
Two 50/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, and
charge the same to my account.

(Signed) James Pollock
Supt Mint &c.
Philada

$32.452.50
Gold Coin

a true Copy
L. R. Comptroller

Febry 25th 6

Sir.

I have drawn upon you this day in favor of Eugene Kelly & Co. of your city, for the sum of Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Two 50/100 Dollars, Gold Coin the same being the second payment on a/c. of Silver Bullion purchased by the United States from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco. Cal.

Very Respectfully Yours

Jas Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Febry 25th 6

Sir

I beg to ask your immediate attention to the enclosed copies of a correspondence between the Hon. Treasurer of the U. S and myself, regarding the application and accounting for the $550.000. Gold Coin, recently placed on deposit to my credit with the A. T. Assn. at New York,

From your letter of the 10th inst I understand that this money was intended to be an addition to the Bullion Fund, with which I am to pay (by Checks) for the Silver purchased from the Bank of Nevada and such a view is entirely consistent with the requirements of the Coinage Act of 1873 - 27th Sec. I accordingly on notification from the asst. Treas. U. S

U.S. at New York, I credited my Bullion Fund Account with the Sum of $550.000- Gold Coin, and drew my check against the aforesaid Sum for 95% of the Mint Value of 418 Bars Silver, Charging the Bullion Fund with $461.799.61, and at once crediting it with the full value of the Silver purchased. To this the Treasurer sees objections, and I am utterly unable to comprehend his difficulty. The Silver purchased through Checks on Drexel & Co. in April last was a similar transaction, and no objection was raised to that form of accounting. I respectfully submit the matter to you for adjustment, and would earnestly request that you will decide it prior to the close of the month, in order that the account may be adjusted promptly-

Very Respectfully

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

If I am to be charged with the above mentioned $550,000 as a part of the Bullion Fund, I know of no other way to account for its debits and credits. If I am in error, please give me some definite form in which we are to keep this Bullion Fund &c—

J. P.

Feby 28 6

Sir

In accordance with your directions of the 24th inst a proof set of our own coins of the current year will be placed in the Mint Cabinet. and paid for out of the profits in the medal fund from the sale of proof coins. and our cabinet purchases of foreign coins limited to fifty dollars for the year as stated in your letter.

The San Francisco Double Eagle enclosed in the 4 and letter was cut in two and tested by our Assayer, and reported by him as worth $20.42 in gold. (weight 527 grains)

and was taken by the Melter
& Refiner at $20. gold and
40 cents silver, which I
herewith enclose to you as
requested, and will thank you
to acknowledge the receipt of
the remittance.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 25th 6

Sir

I have received your letter of yesterday respecting the items in my a/c. of the Bullion Fund relative to the purchase of Silver Bullion.

As I cannot make any changes without the consent and advice of the Director of the Mint, he having given the instructions, I have referred the entire subject to him for adjustment.

Very Respectfully Yours
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Jno. C. New
Treasurer U. S.
Washington
D.C.

Feby 25 6

Sir

I herewith enclose for your information Memorandum in duplicate, of 31,829.05 ozs silver bullion received from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, on the 21st of February inst. valued $84,160.88 at $1.19¼ fine - in part of your purchase of 500,000 ozs.

Very Respectfully
Jno. Pollock
Supt

Obsn.
Col. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 25th 6

Sir.

I forward to day my Bullion and Coinage accounts for the 4th Quarter 1895—

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. A. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Febry 25 7

Gentn

Your box, containing five mineral samples, is received. We can promptly give a reply that will cost you nothing.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3, are a little specked with pyrites, or iron and sulphur, which deceive so many persons. We get such daily. They are of no account.

Nos. 4 and 5 are of more consequence; and if worked under favorable circumstances, and

with large capital, and a good market, might prove valuable.

No. 4 is a brown oxide of iron, and No. 5 is cubical galena; both of these speak for themselves, and need no preliminary test. But there is no gold or silver, beyond a trace, in any of them. If you insist on a test, by sending twenty five dollars we will get it done by reliable chemists, as we have no time to make such assays ourselves. Yours &c.

Jas Pollock

A. J. Blair
A. J. Williams
Brownsboro, Ala.

Feby 26 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Weekly Report of coinage executed, for week ending February 26. 1876.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 26 6

Mr J. P. Kohler.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 24th inst. enclosing letters from Miss. Sue Patterson of Milton, has been recvd.

I am very sorry to say that there is no vacancy in the Mint, with a large number of applications on file and am therefore unable to comply with your request to give her a position here.

I herewith return the letters enclosed.

Very truly

[illegible]

February 6

Sir.

Yours of the 2nd inst. applying for a situation in the Mint has been received.

There is no vacancy in the Mint, and a large number of applications on file, and therefore I am sorry to say, that I cannot comply with your request

Very Respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Mr John H Hutton
1142 Spring St
Phila

Feby 26 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of Feby 14th. I enclose the triplicate of b/d. No. 8287. for $270.85 coin on a/c of charges on bullion at your Mint for the quarter ending Dec 31. 1875. being the coinage proceeds of the unparted gold bar, gross value $272.62 forwarded by you on the 14th inst.

The original and duplicate b/d. I mailed to the Director of the Mint as requested.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 198.

Very Respectfully

Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr.
Jacob L. L. Schirmer.
Assayer. U. S. Mint.
Denver.

Feby 26 6

Sir

By request of the Assayer in charge of the U. S. Mint at Denver. I endorse for the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, C/A in duplicate No. 8287. in the Assayers name to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $270.85 coin on a/c of charges on bullion at the Denver Mint, for the quarter ending Dec 31 1875.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

Feby 26 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward C/D in duplicate No. 94. in your name to the credit of the Treasurer U. S. for $62.77 coin, the proceeds of the recoinage of $60. light gold forwarded by you Feby 18th, as per your letter of that date. You will please acknowledge its receipt.

I also enclose Mint Memorandum No. 199.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt

Joseph C. Abbott, Esq
Coll. of Customs
Wilmington
N. C.

Feby 26 6

Gentlemen.

Will you please inform me per return post whether the Tin specified in your prospect is or is not Malleco Straits Tin.

Very Respt

J. W. Beach

Messrs.
N. Trotter & Co.
36 N. Front St
Phila

Feby 26 6

Dear Sir.

Will you please inform me per return mail. in what shape you propose to furnish the Tin specified in your proposals, whether in pigs or bars.

Very Respftly

[illegible]

Supt

R. J. Longeray. Esq
No 102. Walnut St
Phila

Feby 26 6

Sir

Upon the nomination of the Coiners, herewith enclosed, I have appointed Miss Rose Etynge, as an Adjuster in the Coiners department of this Mint, at $1.75 per diem, from the first day of March, 1876. and submit the same for your approval under the Coinage Act.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ford
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 28 6

Gentlemen.

You do not state the brand and quality of the copper you offer to furnish me, and without this information I cannot intelligently and safely act upon your proposals. Is it Lake copper, of the best quality, or some other brand and quality? Let me know definitely by return post.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Powell
Supt

Messrs.
Nathan Trotter & Co.
No 86. N. Front St
Phila

Feb. 29 6

Sir

I enclose herewith three dimes, found by our cooper in one of the Specie Kegs returned by you on the 24th inst.

Yours Respectfully

Jas Poyard

Hon. Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York -

Feby 29th 6

Sir

I draw upon you this day favor Eugene Kelly & Co. for Forty Nine Hundred and Sixty 64/100 Dollars Gold Coin; for the Silver Bullion purchased from Nugent Bank Very Respectfully Yours

Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treasurer U. S.
New York

February 28th 6

Check No. 3

The Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Pay to the Order of Eugine Kelly & Co. New York, Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty 64/100 Dollars. Gold Coin, and charge the same to my a/c.

$4960.64

Gold Coin

(Signed) James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
Philada.

Atme Copy
L. R. Cooperthwaite

Feby 29th 6

Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find my Check No. 3. on Asst. Treasurer U.S. New York for Forty Nine Hundred and Sixty 64/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being the balance due Nevada Bank of San Francisco Cal, on 73 Bars Silver purchased. Please acknowledge receipt of same per form enclosed.

Very Respectfully
W. Sellers
Supt

Feby 29 76

The following Assayers Report of the New York Assay Office of Test Coins issued at this Mint in Feby 1876. has been Handed to the Melter & Refiner, Assayer. and Coiner.

Denomination.	Weight gr.	Weight dec.	Fineness gold.	Fineness silver
Double Eagle	516.	1	899.8	6
Trade Dollar	419.	15	Trace	899.1
Half do	192.	4	"	899.1
Quarter do	96	3	"	901.5
Twenty cts	77.	2	"	899.2
Dime	38.	7	"	899.6

James Pollock
Supt

Per W.C.P.
Supt. [illegible]

Feby 29 6

Sir

You will please prepare as soon as possible, for the U. S. Mint at Canton, Twenty four (24) Reverse Dime Dies, Twenty four (24) Obverse Dime Dies.

Very Respectly

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Wm Barber, Esq
Engraver

Feby 26.

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Coiners Monthly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint for month of February 1876.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feby 29 6

Sir

I herewith submit for your consideration the following proposals received under the advertisement hereto attached. Viz.

For 25000 lbs Copper

N. Trotter & Co.	@ 22 cts	for lb
Pope Cole & Co.	" 22 5/8	" "
Merchant & Co (Hale)	" 23	" "
do " (Baltz)	" 22 3/4	" "

For 25000 lbs Zinc

N. Trotter & Co.	@ 7 1/2 cts	for lb
Pope Cole & Co (Mackintosh)	" 7 5/8	" "
Merchant & Co. (Ill. Mch)	" 7.65	" "
Spear & Richards.	9.	" "

For 1500 lbs Tin

N. Trotter & Co (Straits pig)	@ 21 cts	for lb
do " bar	" 22	" "

R. J. Fougeray (Straits pig) @ 21 cts per lb
Do Do " bar " 22 " " "
Pope Cole & Co — " 22½ " " "
Merchant & Co — " 21 " " "

Governed by the lowest bids the Copper should be awarded to N. Trotter & Co. at 22½ cts per pound, and the Zinc to the same firm at 7½ cts per pound; and the Tin to N. Trotter & Co, and R. J. Fougeray, in equal proportions at 21 cents per pound. The proposals of Merchant & Co. I leave out of the calculation, as they were not mailed until 7 P.M. of the 26th, and did not reach the Mint until the 28th inst.

Very Respectfully

[signature]

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint

Feby 29 6

Sir

Miss. M. Louisa Kretschmer, an Adjucker in the Coiners department of this Mint. @ $1.75 per diem, has resigned her position, to take effect at the close of business to day, and her name has been dropped from the roll accordingly.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

July 29 6

Sir

At the close of business this day I made the usual monthly count and examination of the monies in the hands of the Cashier of the Mint with the following result

Gold	$1,584,092.10
Silver	726,959.18
Ordinary do	23,260.97
Minor Coinage do	116,740.85
" Coins Exchanged	8,849.00
" " Reissued	1,070.00
" Coinage Redemption	27,101.80
	$2,482,578.69

which corresponds with this books.

I also made examination into the general condition

and operations of the Mint, and the Institution was found to be in good working order, and its business conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pearl
Supt

Hon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1 1866

Sir

I enclosed herewith to forward the official oaths of Wm H. Holtz, and Elias Leonard, cutters in the Coiners Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]
Supt.

Obon
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Hon Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

March, 1st 6

Sir

No. 4

I draw upon you this day in
Fr. Wm. Eugene Kelly & Co. New York
for Eighty Five Thousand One
Hundred and Forty Five 50/100
Dollars Gold Coin being for a/c
of Purchase of Silver Bullion from
Nevada Bank of San Francisco
Cal.

I would thank you to for-
ward me a check book, as I shall
be likely to require a number of
Checks to future payments of Purchases.

Very Respy
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

March 14th 6

Check No. 4.

The Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Pay to the order of Eugene Kelly & Co. New York, Eighty Five Thousand One Hundred and Forty Five 50/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, (being for a/c. of Silver Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.) and charge the same to my a/c.

$85,145.50 (Signed) James Pollock
Gold Coin Supt. Mint U.S.
Philada.

a true copy
L. R. Cooper

Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York.

Mar. 1st 6

Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co
New York.

Gentlemen

Enclosed I hand you my check, No. 4. for Eighty Five Thousand One Hundred and Forty Five 50/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being payment on a/c. of purchase of 500.000- fine Ozs. Silver Bullion from Nevada Bank of San Francisco. Cal

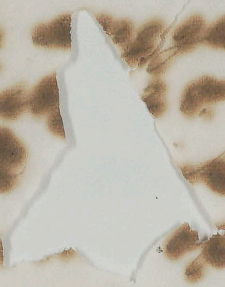
Please return receipt on the form enclosed.

Very Respectfully
J. W. Taylor
Supt

March 1 6

Sir

The similies of ancient coins, suggested in your letter of Feb. 2 cannot be made at the [illegible] not being in the [illegible] of our operations.



Very Respectfully

Jas Gordon

Supt

Fytts

N. Y. Fytts Esq
Ogdensburg
N. Y.

March 1 6

Sir

Yours of the 26th inst has been received.

The coin you refer to is a pattern or experimental cent. Very few were struck, and none issued. They are valued by coin collectors at about $600 each.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Bolard
Supt

H. Prince, Esq
New London
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March 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward.

1. Statement of Minor Coins Redeemed, Re-issued and Exchanged, during the month of Feby 1876.

2. For the Secretary of the Treasury, Statement of Minor Coinage Operations for month ending Feby 29. 1876.

Very Respectfully

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Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 1 6

Sir

Upon the nomination of the Coiner, herewith enclosed, I have appointed Mrs Julia Matheson, to the position of Adjuster in the Coiners Department, at $1.75 per diem, to take effect upon confirmation.

As suggested by you, this appointment to continue until June 30. 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 6

Sir

I duly received your order of the 20th of Feby. with for 24 Obverse and 24 Reverse Dies for the Mint at Carson, inclosing copy of letter from the Acting Superintendent of that Mint, dated Feby 21st, complaining of the die heretofore. A specimen dime of them coinage was also received and is herewith returned. The dies ordered will be forwarded in about ten days.

I enclosed a communication from our Engraver with regard to the alleged defective dies, and have only to add that the trouble complained of is not in the dies,

but their unskilful manipulation at the Carson Mint.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Potter

Supt

Hon.
W. L. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 2d 6

Sir.

I draw upon you this day in favor Eugene Kelly & Co. New York, for Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Five 97/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being a payment made on a/c. of Silver Bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco Cal.

Very Respectfully
J. A. Powell
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U. S.
New York

March 2nd 6

Check No. 5

The Asst. Treasurer U. S. at New York.

Pay to the order of Eugene Kelly & Co. New York, Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Five 87/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, and charge the same to my a/c, being payment on a/c of purchase of 500.000. ounces Silver Bullion from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco. Cal.

$61.805.87

Gold Coin

Attest L R Cooperthwaite

(Signed) James Pollock
Supt. Mint U. S.
at Philada

March 2d 6

Gentlemen

I enclose my check No 5. for Sixty One Thousand Eight Hundred and Five 97/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, on the Asst. Treasurer U.S. New York, the same being a payment made on a/c. of purchase of 500-000- ounces Silver Bullion from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Folwell
Supt.

Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York.

P.S. Please return enclosed receipt signed as heretofore.

March 2 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I send you $19.85 coin, proceeds of the abraided Double Eagle forwarded in your letter of the 1st inst. it being three grains light.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Ryland
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 6

Rev. G. E. Reed.
Dear Sir.

Yours of the 2d inst. is received.

In reply would state that there is no vacancy in the Bank with a large number of applications on file. The prospect is that in a short time we will be required to reduce our force of female employees. Stanford regret that I am not able to comply with your request at this time.

Very truly yours

March 6

Dr. James McClintock.
Dear Sir.

Yours of the 2a inst is received.

In reply would state, that there is no vacancy in the Mint, with a large number of applications on file. The prospect is that in a short time we will be required to reduce our force of female employees, & regret therefore that it will not be in my power to comply with your request at this time.

Very truly Yours

Supt.

March 8 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing one from Secretary Kenady, complaining that the 500 badges forwarded to you for the Mexican Veteran Association are not as ordered, and requiring the mistake to be corrected. I enclose a communication from our Engraver, Mr. Barber, to which I invite your attention, and have to add that the final order to proceed with the striking of the badges was only given after a specimen as now made was submitted and approved, and no intimation given me that the wire bar or roller soldered to the

the back of the badge was to be attached after the badges had reached Washington. under the arrangement with a party there. of which Mr. Kenady now notifies us for the first time.

On the 2 d of December last I wrote Mr. Kenady (and herewith enclose a copy of the letter for your information) giving him the price of the badges at thirty cents each, and six cents each for the wire bar at the back, the latter, from the necessity of the case, to be made by private parties out of the Mint, and to "be attached to the model before the bronzing is done." As the bronzing could not be done with a silk ribbon attached, that statement should have opened Mr. Kenadays eyes to the fact of some misapprehension on his part or ours, if there really was any on the

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part of either, and led him to enquire into and correct it.

The engraved copy of the mounted badge attached to his letter to you of the 1st inst is entirely new to us here, and if it, or a penciled outline of it, had been submitted while the negotiations were pending, would have prevented all trouble and danger of mistake. But after the eagle submitted by Mr. Barber was rejected, I had no further directions on that point nor any intimations from any quarter as to the 'bar' now demanded, or its size, shape or style, and we have done our work in literal compliance with what was agreed upon.

The 'bar' now required by Mr. Kenaday is outside the functions of the Mint. It will have to be made by private parties. What the cost would be, and the time

required to get it up I do not think certainly after considerable delay, and a highher price than six cents each. A special die would have to be made, and a cutter to cut them out, and the bars afterwards trimmed up, and finished and stamped. The Mint cannot undertake to either furnish or procure them.

I will have the remaining number of bronze struck and stamped at thirty cents each, and forward them to your office, without any wire bar or roller attached. For anything further than this, I must leave Mr. Kennaday to make his own arrangements elsewhere.

The person, in this city who made the wire bars or rollers then had and soldered them to the back of the bronze with silver, being in moderate circumstances,

and being unwilling to look to a distant party for returns, Mr. Barber paid him his money out of his own pocket, at my suggestion, for each lot on delivery, thirteen hundred in all. Upon every principle of honor and justice the amount thus advanced by Mr. Barber should be refunded to him.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Browne
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman.
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 3 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward my requisition of this date for the sum of $32.400, for the support of this Mint during the current month of March, out of the following appropriations.

Salaries	$3.400
Wages	21.000
Contingencies	8.000

and submit the same for your approval.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington.

March 3 - 6

Gentlemen -

I hand you herewith statement of 60 Barrels Sweeps, containing per the Assayer's reports, - Gold oz 79.442 $ 1.477.98
Silver - 1.669.27 $ 2.076.85
for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please make reply on or before Monday, the 13th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pollock
Supt.

W. C. Waters & Co.
17 John St.
New York

Mar 31 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith statement of 60 Barrels Sweeps containing per Assayers reports

Gold -	Ozs. 79.442	= $ 1.477.98
Silver	" 1.669.27	= 2.076.85
		$ 3.554.83

for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please make reply on or before Monday, the 13th inst.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

E. Balbach & Son
233 River St.
Newark
N.J.

Mar. 3 – 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith Statement of 6 Barrels Swept containing per Assayers reports,

Gold Oz. 777.4432 — $ 1.477.98

Silver " 1669.247 — 2.076.85

$ 3.554.83

for which your bid is requested. Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight, and sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please make reply on or before Monday the 13th inst.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

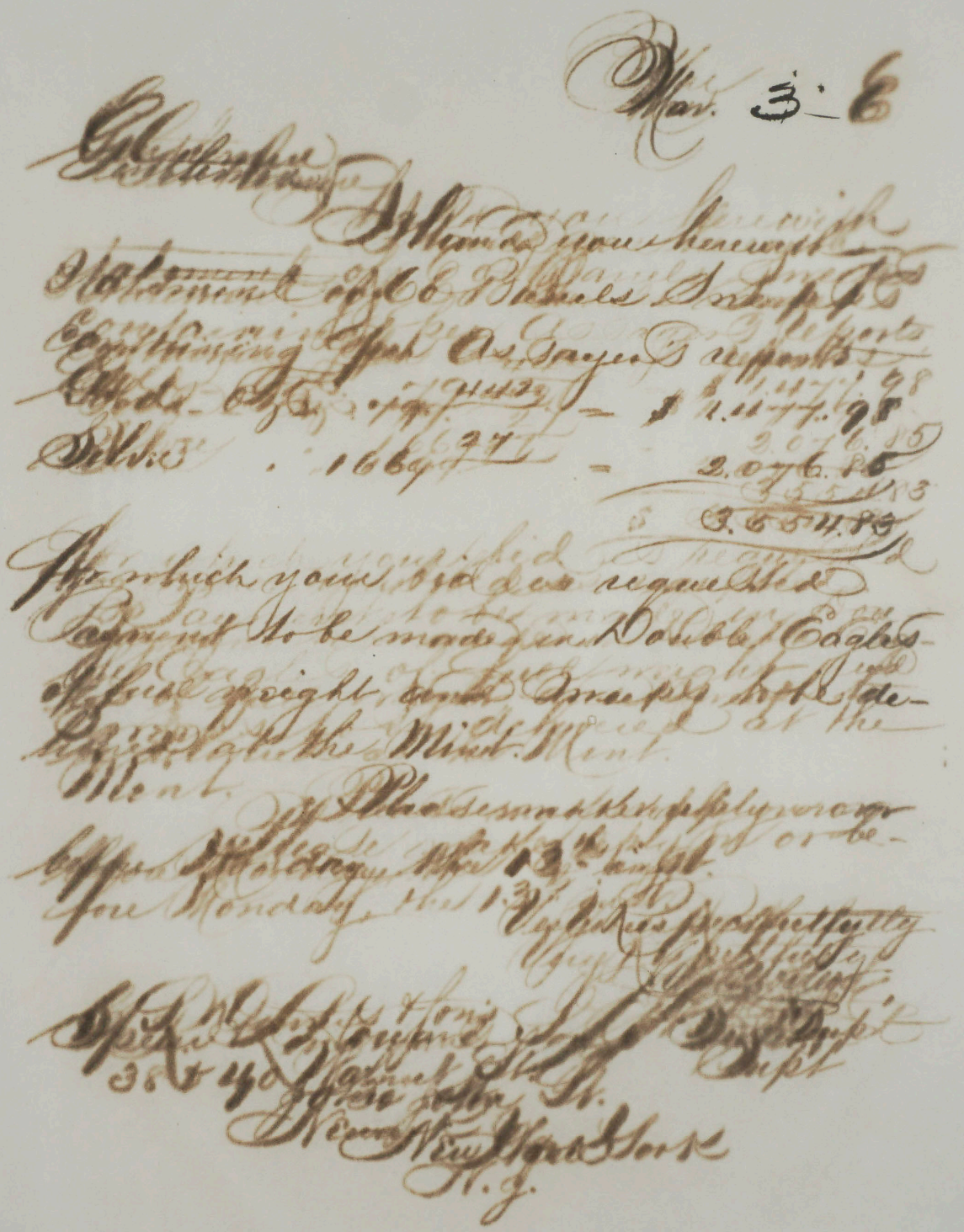
H. R. Longmans Sons Dep't Supt

30 John St.

New York

N. J.

Mar. 3. 6



Mar 3. 6

Gentlemen

I hand you herewith statement of 60 Barrels Sweeps containing per Assayers reports

Gold	Ozs. 79.442	=	$ 1.477.98
Silver	" 1.669.27	=	2.076.85
			3554.83

for which your bid is requested

Payment to be made in Double Eagles of full weight and Sweeps to be delivered at the Mint.

Please make reply on or before Monday, the 13th inst.

Very Respectfully

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Supt

C. S. Dennis & Son's
38 & 40 Walnut St.
Newark
New York
N. J.

		Lbs.	oz.	dr.	cts.
51 to 60	M & Refined	4022	13192	34380	
61 to 70	do	3953	6176	28829	
71 to 80	do.	4029	14269	31483	
81 to 90	do.	3951	15731	29020	
91 to 100	do.	4095	14930	25897	
100 to 109	Sup'ts	4846	15144	17318	
		24.896	79442		1.477 98
				1669.27	2.076.85
					3.554 83

Mch 3 6

Sir

Yours of the present date is at hand.

We do not use tar in the Mint and have a full supply of charcoal on hand, with arrangements made for our future supply.

Very Respty

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Mr
Joshua Brick.
Millville
N. J.

Mar. 5th 6

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of the Check Book asked for in my letter of the 1st inst.

Please accept my thanks for the same.

Very Respectfully
Jas Powell
Supt

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 4 6

Sir

Referring to your telegram of the 2d inst. I have, after consulting our Melter & Refiner, awarded 10,000 lbs Copper, one half of the quantity advertised for, to Nathan Trotter & Co. of this City, at their bid, 22¾ cts per lb. and at the request of the Melter & Refiner, proposed with your consent, to award the remaining 10,000 lbs to Pope, Cole & Co. at their bid of 22⅝ cts per lb. which is only ⅛ ct of a cent below Trotter & Co. This will make Prof. Booth to make a comparative test to his own satisfaction, of the quality of each brand.

Please advise me of your decision by return mail.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 4 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed at this Mint, for week ending March 4th 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Loud
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 4 6

Gentlemen.

With the approval of the Director of the Mint, ten thousand (10,000) lbs Copper, at 22 9/10 cents per pound, twenty five hundred (25.00) pounds Zinc, at seven and a half cents (7½) per pound, and five hundred (500) pounds straits Tin, at twenty one (21) cts per pound, are accepted under your proposals of the 26th of Feby. ult. to be delivered at the Mint free of expense, and subject to the Mint assay.

Very Respectfully
Jas Pleasant
Supt

Messrs.
N. Trotter & Co.
Philada

Mch 4 6

Sir,

With the approval of the Director of the Mint, five hundred (500) pounds, Straits Tin, in bars, at twenty two (22) cents per pound, are accepted, under your proposal of Feby 26th, all to be delivered at the Mint free of charge, and subject to the Mint assay.

Very Respectfully

J. Ross Snowden
Supt

R. J. Longacre, Esq.
102 Walnut St
Phila

Mar. 4th 6

Sir.

In reply to your letter of yesterday regarding the transfer of gold Coin from the Bullion Fund of the Mint to be placed to my Official credit with the Asst. Treas. at New York, for the purchase of Silver Bullion, I acquiesce in the suggestions made by you, and can readily spare the $300.000. But as we have such a large balance of gold on hand and not needed, why not strike off Say $300000— Double Eagles additional and send the whole $600.000— in gold to New York, and thus save any increase of the Bullion Fund. I respectfully submit the question for your consideration, and await your order to commence,

the

the Coinage of the additional
gold Coins.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. A. R. Lindsman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 6 6

Madam.

You have been appointed an Adjuster in the Coiners Department of the Mint. at $1.75 per diem. to take effect from date of your reporting for duty.

You will subscribe to the enclosed oath before an Alderman. or other proper authority, and bring it with you when you report for duty.

Very Respty

Mrs.
Julia Matthewson,
Phila.

Supt

March 6 6

Sir

The only information we can give, in reply to your inquiry, is contained in a printed Article, which I enclose herewith.

The filled pieces are so few, and so extremely hard to detect, that where you find the size, weight, color, and sonority satisfactory, you will have to rest satisfied that the piece is genuine.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Supt.

T.R. Stickney Esq.
U.S. Treasury,
Charleston S.C.

March 6 6

Sir

The counterfeit nickel last sent by you, has as you say a better face than the former, but is of the same make and composition. It is a very deceptive and dangerous piece; and it is difficult to devise any protection against it, until we can restore the Silver five-cent piece, and give really full value. This mixture of lead and copper is as cheap as possible, and holds out a great temptation to fraud.

I would advise an avoidance of publication, which does more hurt than good.

Very respectfully

Chief Clk.

Franklin Haven Jr. Esq.
Asst. Treas. U. S.

March 6th 6

Gentlemen.

Enclosed please find my check No. 6801 for Sixty eight thousand one hundred ninety five 52/100 Dollars, gold coin, in your favor, being for credit of the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal, and in payment of purchase of a part of 500000- ounces Silver Bullion from said Bank.

Please return receipt as usual

Very Respy Yours

J. W. Powell
Supt

Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York.

Mar 6th 6

Sir.

I draw upon you this day in favor of Eugene Kelly & Co. per Check No. 6801, for Sixty eight thousand one hundred and ninety five 52/100 Gold Coin, being a payment on a/c. of Silver Bullion purchased from Nevada Bank of San Francisco Cal.

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Supt.

Hon. Thos Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

Mch 7 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statement of Silver Workings in the Coiners Department during the month of Feby 1876.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Roberts

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
Dec.

Mch 7 6

Gentlemen.

With the approval of the Director of the Mint ten thousand (10,000) pounds Copper at 22.50 cents per pound will be accepted under your proposal of Feby 28. ult delivered at the Mint, free of expense, as required by my advertisement of Feby 22. d.

The remaining 10,000 lbs have been awarded to another bidder.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Messrs.
Poss. Cold & Co
Baltimore
Md

Mar 7th 6

Sir.

In reply to yours of yesterday desiring the necessity for the entries on the credit (you doubtless mean the debit) side of my "Silver Profit & Loss" for the 4th Quarter, 1875, I state, that as the gain on the entire purchases of the quarter is previously credited to the aforesaid P&L (because the Bullion must be valued at the Coin rate) So, when at the quarterly settlement we find that all the Bullion so credited has not been Coined, the excess gain credited must be put back, in order that the profit on the amount actually Coined may be arrived at. The balance on hand, and adjusted to the average cost of the Bullion, is brought back

to its Coin Value, and the gain placed to the credit of Silver Profit & Loss a/c in the succeeding Quarter's a/cs.

It is done solely for the purpose of keeping the above mentioned account close up to the actual gain on the Silver coined, and in order that the balance may be paid into the Treasury as closely as possible.

It is one of the outgrowths of the system recently adopted of accounting for Silver at the Subsidiary Coin Value, and meets the change as I think, very well.

Very Respectfully Yours

[illegible]
Supt.

Hon H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mar 7th 6

Sir.

Referring to yours of yesterday regarding the transfer of $600.000 in gold coin to the Asst. Treasurer at New York, I would respectfully ask whether, in making this transfer, you will authorize me to include about $278.000. in Dollar pieces, sending the remainder in Double Eagles. The aforesaid Dollar pieces are useless in my vaults, and occupy important space. I will notify you when we are ready for the transfer, as requested.

Very Respectfully
J. H. Lowry
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 7 6

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst was duly received. The Mint does not assay ores, except for gold or silver, and then only as an accommodation, when our regular work does not interfere, our charge is $6. for each specimen, to defray the cost of the assay. Messrs. Booth & Garrett, Chant St. or Prof. Genth. University of Penna. both of this city are competent and reliable assayers, to whom samples of your ores, say half a pound, could be sent for analysis, if you chose to do so. We have not time now to do more than make an inspection of ores, without an assay

T. H. Craigmiles. Esq
Cleveland
Tenn.

Very Respty
Jas Pollock
Supt

Mch 7 6

Sir

I have this morning received your letter of the 3d inst. asking what I would give for "a silver coin" in your possession 916 years old. As you do not give its size, weight, denomination or nationality, to enable me to identify it, of course I cannot form any conjecture as to its value in the coin market. The Mint Cabinet of old coins is very full and complete, and unless your piece is a very rare one, I should decline to buy it.

Very Respty

C. Jas Pollock

Supt

Mr J. H. Smith.
Cells Haven.
Va.

Mch 6

Sir

The imitation coinage proposed by L. J. Squire, 29 Park Row New York City, in his advertisement, herewith enclosed, which appeared in the Philadelphia "Evening Star" of the 3d of March inst. is, in my judgment, a direct and unequivocal violation of the final sections 61. 62. and 63 of the Coinage Act of 1873. which prohibit every thing in the resemblance or similitude" of U. S. coins. Under cover of centennial mementoes, the country can be flooded with bogus coins, and the year 1876 be a counterfeiters carnival, unless steps

be promptly taken to suppress the illegal traffic.

I respectfully suggest that you call the attention of the U. S. District Attorney in New York to the matter, and that the Secret Service Division of the Treasury Department take steps to ascertain whether there is any thing more beneath the surface, than appears on the face of the advertisement.

Very Respectfully

Hon.
W. P. Lindsman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 8 6

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 7th inst I enclose herewith the boiness explanation that the loss of $187.32 in the coinage of oz. 6,015.50 3 ¢ planchets, 4th quarter 1875 was within the legal tolerance, and was caused by the nickel strips having been rolled a triple too heavy

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Obon.
Ob. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 9 6

Sir

I have been unable to find the address of Mrs. Julia Matheson, recently appointed an adjuster in the Mint. A letter sent to one address (1822 Pine St.) in care of her daughter, has been returned. Can you furnish me with it?

Very Respectfully
J. A. Powell
Supt

Obon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 9 6

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst is received.

No silver three cent pieces have been coined since 1873, and the Mint is not able to fill your order.

Any Broker who deals in coin, could doubtless furnish all you want on reasonable terms.

Very Respty
Jas. Pollock
Supt

W. H. Skinner. Esq. Cas.
Battle Creek
Mich

Mar 10th 6

Gentlemen

I enclose my Check No 6803 in your favor on the Asst. Treas. Ref. New York, for Forty Thousand Five Hundred and Fifty One 62/100 Dollars, Gold Coin, being a payment on a/c of Silver Bullion purchased by the U. S. from the Bank of California, and directed to be deposited with you for its credit by the latter bank.

Please acknowledge for per form enclosed.

Very Resp'y

[illegible]
Sup't

Messrs Laidlaw & Co
Asst No 12 Pine St
New York

Mar. 10th 6

Gentlemen.

I enclose my Check No. 6802 in your favor for Ninety thousand and thirty one 68/100 Dollars, gold coin, and on the Asst. Treasurer U.S. being a further payment on a/c. for Silver Bullion purchased by the U.S. from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Please acknowledge per form enclosed.

Very Respy

J. A. Pollock
Supt

Messrs Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

May 10th 6

Sir.

I draw upon you this day check No. 68044, favor Eugene Kelly & Co. for Forty two thous- and one hundred and Seventy four 25 Dollars, gold coin, a payment made for a/c. of Silver Bullion purchased from the Nevada Bank, San Francisco, Cal, by the U.S.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. Thos. Fitzhugh
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

May 10th 6

Gentlemen.

I enclose check No. 6804, in your favor, for Forty two thousand one hundred and seventy four 05 Dollars, gold coin, being a further payment for Silver Bullion purchased by the U. S. from the Nevada Bank of San Francisco, Cal.

Please acknowledge per form enclosed.

Very Resp'y Yours
J. W. Pollock
Supt

Eugene Kelly & Co
New York

May. 10th 6

Sir.

I forward herewith my Pc. of Ordinary Expenses for February 1876.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon. H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 18 6

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst. has been received.

The first silver three cent piece was struck in 1851. the last in 1873.

The first U.S. cent was made in 1793. None were struck by the Colonies previous to that year. The last old copper cent was struck in 1857.

The 5¢ piece was changed to "half dime" in 1837. The 10¢ to dime in the same year.

The head was changed on the halves and quarters to that of a woman in 1838.

The gold dollar was first made in 1849 and is still made. Very Respectfully

Rev L. W. Russell. Romney. N.H.

Mch 13 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward, Coiners Weekly Report of Coinage executed, for week ending March 11. 1876.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Pleasant
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 19 6

Sir

You have been appointed Helper in the Coiners Department of the Mint at $2.91 per diem, and will report for duty on the 15th inst.

You will subscribe to the enclosed oath of office, and bring it with you.

Very Respty.

[illegible]

Supt

Mr.
Stephen Smith Jr
25 South 3d St
Phila

Mch 13 6

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 10th inst has been received.

You will see by the enclosed circulars that the Mint can only make bars and Trade Dollars for private depositors of silver bullion, and that we coin fractions of the dollar for the Government only. but exchange them for gold coins at par. in sums of one hundred dollars. You can doubtless buy silver bullion in Philadelphia. but at what rate I cannot inform you. You can satisfy yourself on this point by corresponding with some of our bullion brokers.

Very Respectfully

Jos Wood Supt

Messrs.
H. B. Vincent & Bro.
McConnellsville O.

Mch 10 6

Sir

Your letter of the 9th inst has been received.

Referring you to the enclosed circulars, I have to state that the Mint does not sell gold or silver coins for greenbacks, except proof set of the current year. We coin fractions of the silver dollar for the Govt only, but exchange them for gold coins at par in sums of one hundred dollars. If you want silver bars or Trade Dollars you must deposit silver bullion, and for gold coins you must deposit gold bullion. If you want to buy gold or silver coins with paper money, (other than proofs) your application should be made to banks and brokers who

who deal in them. The market price fluctuated from day to day, according to the demand.

Very Respectfully

Jas. Bruce

Dr. T. T. C. Dodd.
Altoona
Kan.

March 13 6

Gentlemen.

Your letter of the 9th with has been received.

You will see by one of the enclosed circulars that we coin fractional parts of the silver dollar for the government only, but exchange them for gold coins at par in sums of one hundred dollars. If you deposit fine silver I can only give you Bars or Trade Dollars in return. One thousand ounces fine silver would cost you about 1000 Trade Dollars.

Very Respectfully

Jos. Bussel
Supt

Messrs
Thomas D. Sewell.
Chicago. Ill.

Mch 13 6

Sir

The Coiner of this Mint will be absent the greater part of this week, and I have appointed O. C. Bosbyshell as Acting Coiner until the Coiners return, and submit the same for your approval under the 9th Section of the Coinage Act of 1873.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. C. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 18 6

Sir

I duly received from you the letter to you from Mr Keton, Superintendent of the New York Assay Office of March 8th, enclosing one from Mr Mason, Melter & Refiner, of March 6th, desiring us to receive from them other than fine silver for minting purposes.

In reply I herewith submit for information a letter from our Coiner, of March 4th, before Mr Masons letter was written, and the reply of our Melter & Refiner, showing in a very strong light the objectionable character of the [illegible] silver generally received from

from the New York Assay Office, and the great difficulty and loss in working it.

This exhibit strikingly justifies the stand heretofore taken by you, (and that our Melter & Refiner should never have departed from) that none but fine silver should be sent to the Mint from the New York Assay Office, and compels me to ask that you will not relax the rule now or hereafter but maintain it firmly, as the only just and proper regulation on this subject for both institutions and the Government.

As you request me to communicate with Mr Acton, I have sent him a copy of our Boiners and Melter & Refiners letters, and stated to him that under existing

circumstances I must, unless you instruct me to the contrary, which I hope you will not do, respectfully decline to receive any other than fine silver from that office.

I herewith enclose our Melter & Refiners Statement of his Bullion operations and silver melting for the month of February last, and have to add that the silver we receive from Nevada works admirably and gives no cause of complaint.

I herewith return the two letters from the New York Assay Office.

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 18 6

Sir

I have received from the Director of the Mint your letter to him of the 1st inst. enclosing a letter from Mr. Mason your Master & Refiner, endeavoring to modify the Directors announcement to you of March 4th that he "does not think it advisable that you should forward any other than fine silver to the Mint" and are instructed by the Director to communicate with you on the subject.

In reply I herewith forward for your information a copy of a letter from our Coiner of March 4th (two days

the Director, I must respectfully decline to receive any other than fine silver from your office.

Very Respectfully
[illegible]
Supt

Thos C Acton Esq
Supt U.S. Assay Office
New York

Mch 14 6

Sir

Yours of the 13th inst has been recvd.

The coin you describe is a colonial piece, struck by Connecticut. The words "Auctors Connec" on the face, means by "authority of Connecticut." The words "Inde Et Lib" on the reverse means "Independence and Liberty." The coin is worth to collectors from twenty five cents to one dollar, according to its condition.

Very Respty
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr
H. J. Storry.
Conemaugh
Pa.

Mch 14 6

Gentlemen.

Yours of the 10th inst. enclosing draft for $50. for that amount in minor coins, has been recd.

As you make the draft payable to order of the Supt in person, it cannot be used until Thursday, as he is out of the City. The coins will be forwarded in about one week from date.

Until the Secy of the Treasy authorizes it, silver cannot be paid out for currency.

Very Respty
James Pollock
Supt
for W. J. Pollock
Supt Clerk

D. C. Kolp & Co
Harrisburg
Pa

March 14 6

Sir

Your letter of the 13th inst. requesting an assay medal for Mr. John Sherman Jr. one of the Commissioners at the last annual assay, has been received. The Superintendent is out of town, but will give the matter his attention on his return, Thursday.

Very Respectfully
H. Hitchcock
Acting Supt

M. R. Davis. Esq
Acting Director Mint.
Washington
D.C.

Mch 14 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith I forward Statements of Deposits and Purchases, Gold and Silver of Domestic Production, and of Bars Manufactured, during the month of February 1876.

Very Respectfully
H C Matlock
Acting Supt

Hon.
W. A. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

P.S.

We are out of blanks for the above reports. Please send us another supply

March 14 6

Sir

Referring to your letter of the 6th inst I have the honor to report that six hundred thousand ($600,000) Dollars in gold coin. (double eagles) is now ready for transfer from the bullion fund of this Mint to the Asst Treasurer. U. S. at New York, to be drawn against by the Superintendent in payment of the fine silver purchased in San Francisco for the manufacture of subsidiary silver at this Mint.

Very Respectfully
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint.

March 18 6

Sir

Enclosed herewith & forward, oath of allegiance of Stephen Smith, Jr. Helper in the Coiners Department of this Mint.

Very Respectfully
H. C. Nickols
Acting Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Mch 15 6

Sir

The mineral specimen enclosed in your letter of the 11th inst proves upon inspection, to be only a piece of iron, and of no value. We do not make assays of ores unless they contain gold or silver.

Very Respty
H C Hickok
Acting Supt

Mr.
W. Clay Lutz.
Bedford
Pa

Mch 16 6
March 16th 6

Dear

Your letter of the 11th inst. with its enclosed impression on paper of the silver coin you wrote about, has been received.

The piece is a "960 reis" of Brazil, coined during the reign of John, Prince Regent of Portugal, and Lord of Brazil; value $1.00. very common, and not worth more in the coin market, than its intrinsic value.

Very Respt.
Jas. Pollock
Supt.

Mr J. H. Smith
New York
Belle Haven
Va

Mch 16 66

March 16th 66

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find check No 6805 on the Asst Treas. U.S. for Twenty eight thousand seven hundred and sixteen & 28/100 dolls gold coins, being payment on c/c of silver purchased [illegible] U.S. for the Bank of Nevada, [illegible] Gold.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Messrs. Eugene Kelly & Co.
New York

Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

J. H. Smith
Bolle Hansen

March 16th 6

Gentlemen.

Your bid of $7.52 per hundred pounds for Co Brls. Sweeps, payable in gold Coin (Double Eagles) of full weight, will be accepted on Condition that you take them at the marked or Schedule weights, as heretofore, and as all the purchasers do. (There are other bids so near to yours that the difference would be against the acceptance of your offer if you insist upon reweighing, a precedent I could not establish. Please let me hear from you again. Very Resp'y Yours

J. V. Collord
Supt

R. Longman's Son's
31 John St.
N.Y.

Mch 16 6

Sir

In compliance with your directions of Feby 27. ult. I have this day forwarded to the Superintendent of the U. S. Mint at Carson, by the Adams Express, as per the enclosed receipt

Twenty four Reeded Dime Dies
Twenty four Reeded Dime Dies.

To make sure of the work, one dies were hardened, and a number of dimes struck from them, one of which I herewith enclose for your inspection, and which you will see is, like our own dimes, not amenable to any of the criticisms heretofore

heretofore received from
the Carson Mint

Very Respectfully
Jas. Pulcock
Supt.

Obon.
W. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
Ds.

Mch 16 6

Sir

Enclosed I forward for your information a letter received by our Assayer from the Assayer of the Mint at Carson, ordering certain apparatus for his use at that Mint. It will cost about $178. to fill the order. Shall I forwarded the desired supplies, and send the bill to you for payment? It is more agreeable to dealers here to receive payment through your office for articles shipped to the other side of the Continent. It takes less time, and they do not lie out of their money so long.

Please return Mr Hopkins letter

letter with your reply.

Very Respectfully

J. W. Powell

Supt

Hon.

H. R. Lindsman

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

Mch 16 6

Sir

In accordance with the request of M. V. Dames, Esq. Acting Director of the Mint in his letter of the 18th inst. I to day forward by mail to you, a bronze assay medal for Mr John Sherman Jr. one of the Commission to the last Annual assay, and who left before receiving the medal.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Supt

Hon.
H. R. Linderman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 17th 6

Sir.

Your Statement of my Bullion Fund to the 28th February, showing a balance on that day of $528.826.72 Gold Coin is correct.

Since that day Checks to the amount of $421.581.24 gold Coin have been drawn against the above mentioned balance, as advised in my letter to you under dates of Feby. 29th March 1, 2, 6, 10 & 16th, 1876, leaving a balance to my credit this day of $107.245.51

Very Respectfully

Asst. Supt.

Hon. Thos. Hillhouse
Asst. Treas. U.S.
New York

March 17 6

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 11th inst. I enclose the following vouchers for the expenses incurred in providing dinner and lunch for the Assay Commission on the 9th 10th and 11th of Feby alt.

A. L. Stevens	$300.	
Jere Walker	245.	
J. L. Tobias & Co.	50.	
J. T. Money.	5.36	$609.36
C. C. Schlenner.	medal cases.	18.75
W. Sanderson	Chairs	8.00
J. T. Money.	Carriages &c	7.32
		$637.43

I have always taken these individual vouchers for

my own protection. We they have not heretofore been called for in the settlement of my accounts.

Very Respectfully

[illegible]

Hon.
W. R. Lindsman
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.